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February 23, 2010

Honorable Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Honorable Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
and members of the Committee on Water and Ocean Resources
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State Capitol, Conference Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Rep. Oshiro, Rep. Lee and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Subject: **HB 2449, HD1, Relating to County Boards of Water Supply – Hearing:
Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

The Kaua'i Board of Water Supply strongly supports HB 2449, HD1, which requests a change to HRS 54-25, to allow the Board of Water Supply to prescribe its powers and duties to the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Departments of Water regarding the disbursement of funds. As it states now in the existing HRS 54-25, it is not clear whether the Board may or may not delegate its duties.

The Kaua'i Board of Water Supply, at its August 20, 2009 Board Meeting, approved these requested changes to amend H.R.S. Chapter 54-25 in order to allow the Board to delegate, what is in essence, a ministerial duty. H.R.S. 54-25, as written now, requires the Board, and only the Board, to approve or deny accounts payable vouchers. The Board's oversight is provided for, in accordance with the Department's budget process. H.R.S. 54-25, as currently written, serves to delay the accounts payable vouchers that must wait for Board approval before payment, which results in delayed payments to our vendors.

HB 2449 was amended to require the Board if it wants to delegate, to do it with a rule and policy change. We have no objection to this amendment. Therefore, I strongly support the passage of HB 2449, HD1, Relating to the Boards of Water Supply, and thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

If you need to contact me, please call (808) 245-5408, fax at (808) 246-8628 or email at dcraddick@kauaiwater.org.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Craddick".

David R. Craddick, P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer

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