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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 2603, HD2**, Relating to Cost Sharing in the Relocation and Undergrounding of Utility Facilities – **Hearing: Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

The Kaua'i Department of Water Supply does not support this bill.

It should apply only to lines built after the date of passage.

Working together on these matters is why the Legislature required the local State Highways Engineer to be members of the Water Boards. The State Highways Engineer position on the Board allows coordination of financial issues before construction.

Should this bill pass as written, cases could arise where the utility does not have the money to replace the lines needed then what would happen?

DOW would have to consider exclusive easements for its waterlines in the future. These easements typically can go up to 20' in width.

Future road widening projects may then need to deal with the cost of extinguishing the existing exclusive easement then getting a new exclusive easement and relocating the line.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Leg. Test. 2010/HB2603, HD2, Cost Sharing in the Relocation & Undergrounding of Utility Facilities (2-23-10 Hearing):rm