

SB1381

Water has no substitute.....Conserve it!



February 27, 2009

Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
and members of the Committee of Ways and Means
STATE SENATE

State Capitol, Conference Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Kim and Members of the Committee of Ways and Means:

Subject: SB 1381, SD1, Relating to the Environment

The Kauai Department of Water strongly support SB1381, SD1, which authorizes the Director of the State Department of Health to use Federal moneys from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Act") to fund drinking water and wastewater infrastructure programs.

The passage of this bill will enable all the County Water Departments to take advantage of the Act to fund critical drinking water projects statewide. The County Water Departments have requested funding for water infrastructure projects valued at more than \$100 million. This Federal funding will help the Counties implement essential drinking water infrastructure projects, including new infrastructure, pipeline replacements, reservoir repairs, well renovations, and pump improvements that will benefit all rate payers and enable the County Water Departments to provide safe and dependable drinking water supplies to our customers.

Therefore, I strongly support the passage of SB 1381, SD1, Relating to the Environment 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 wushigome@kawaiwater.org.

Sincerely,

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