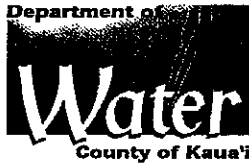


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February 4, 2010

Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
and members of the COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION,
INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
STATE SENATE
State Capitol, Conference Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators English and Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Transportation,
International And Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: **SB 2440, Relating to Boards of Water Supply – Hearing: Monday, February 8, 2010, 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol**

The Kaua'i Board of Water Supply strongly supports SB 2440, which requests a change to HRS 54-25, to allow the Board of Water Supplies 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.

Therefore, I strongly support the passage of SB 2440, 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 that reads "David R. Craddick".

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

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