

Testimony of the Maui County Department of Water Supply

Supporting HB 1103 Relating to Impact Fees

House Committee on Water and Land

Monday, February 4, 2013, 10:50 am, Conference Room 325

Dear Honorable Representative Evans and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

The Maui County Department of Water Supply (DWS) supports HB 1103 which would require the assessment of impact fees prior to issuance of a water meter and requires that impact fees be collected in full before or upon issuance of the water meter.

The Maui County Department of Water Supply utilizes an impact fee to help pay for required infrastructure improvements associated with the water meter. We prefer to have the option to collect impact fees at the time of subdivision, which may be years before a building permit is applied for.

We would like to have the law changed to allow the flexibility and assure that we are in sync with the State requirements. The current practice is to collect the fee at subdivision time or at meter issuance time depending on when the need for water is identified by DWS and the needs of the customer. This flexibility in the proposed legislation allows better planning with fees imposed that are more closely related to what is needed.

Your favorable consideration and support of HB 1103 would be appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dear Chair Evans and Members:

Subject: House Bill 1103 Relating to Impact Fees

The Board of Water Supply (BWS), City and County of Honolulu, supports House Bill 1103, which authorizes the assessment and collection of impact fees for the allocation of water prior to the issuance of a water meter.

Currently, Section 46-146, HRS, conditions County impact fees to grading and building permits. However, we find the allocation of water resources can also occur without a building permit, through an Application for Water Service. The proposed revision would make the statute consistent with current rules and practices.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on House Bill 1103.

Very truly yours,

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