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**TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of S.B. 1111, SD1
RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

SENATOR JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: 2/27/15

Room Number: 211

1 **Fiscal Implications:** No General Funds Required

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports S.B. 1111, S.D. 1 which
3 would enable the transfer of funds between the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund
4 (also known as the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund [DWSRF]) and the Water Pollution
5 Control Revolving Fund (also known as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund [CWSRF]).

6 The Department currently administers these two (2) low interest loan programs for the
7 improvement of public drinking water systems and wastewater treatment and distribution
8 systems in Hawaii. These loan programs are funded principally by capitalization grants provided
9 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). At the present time, these grants provide
10 approximately \$8 million per year to each program. This measure, which gives the Department
11 the authority to transfer up to 33% of any year's grant between the two programs, would allow
12 the Department to direct loan monies more efficiently towards the drinking water or wastewater
13 infrastructure needs across the State, resulting in the greatest benefit to public health or
14 environmental protection.

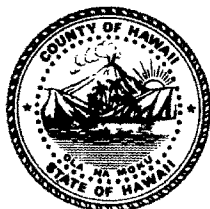
15 This measure will help ensure the continued and consistent award of these two (2) annual
16 capitalization grants. The EPA oversees the State's implementation of the DWSRF and the
17 CWSRF programs and can withhold or delay future capitalization grants whenever a program is
18 struggling to expeditiously disburse their funds. The ability to move funds between programs
19 and direct them towards projects that are ready to proceed will help facilitate timely
20 disbursements.

21 This measure would also bring the state program in line with the Code of Federal Regulations,
22 which already allows this transfer authority. The EPA is in support of this measure and views
23 this as a valuable tool to help ensure that Hawaii retains its full share of state revolving fund
24 capitalization grants.

- 1 Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: February 27, 2015

TIME: 1:00 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 211

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Re: Support of SB1111 SD 1 Relating to Water Infrastructure

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Committee Members,

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management supports the intent of Senate Bill 1111, SD 1 Relating to Water Infrastructure. The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to transfer federal capitalization grant funds between the water pollution control revolving fund and the drinking water treatment revolving loan fund, in accordance with title 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 35.3530(c). The added flexibility will enable the Department to allocate funds to projects that are "ready to go" thus ensuring the expeditious disbursement of funds. This measure will also bring the state programs in line with the Code of Federal Regulations which already allows for this transfer authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJ Leithead Todd".

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
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The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
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Dear Chair and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 1111 SD1, Relating to Water Infrastructure

The Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu (BWS) supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 1111 SD1, relating to water infrastructure.

The bill to establish the authority for the Department of Health to transfer federal capitalization funds between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund in accordance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act will ensure the funds are fully utilized for the benefit of State and Counties.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on Senate Bill 1111 SD1.

Very truly yours,



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