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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND TESTIMONY IN
SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 635**

Dear Chairs: Sen. Rhoads, Sen. Nishihara, and Sen. Gabbard,

The US Green Building Council Hawaii Chapter is a 501 c3 membership organization that educates, motivates, provides resources and advocated for industry transformation to build and maintain sustainable communities. USGBC-Hawaii Chapter is part of a network of approximately 65 USGBC Chapters throughout the United States which represent USGBC in their respective regions. The USGBC Hawaii Chapter has over 1300 registered Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) professionals and includes 250 local Hawaii organizations in both the private and public sectors.

The USGBC Hawaii Chapter strongly **supports SB 635**. We believe responsible and sustainable water management is a key component of sustainable development and protecting resources and public health. As Hawaii continues to develop, there is expected to be increased demands on our precious water supplies and, moreover, research regarding the impacts of climate change in the Hawaiian Islands suggest a significant decline in participation over the next decades. It is imperative that we support water conservation efforts and innovation that will enhance the sustainable management of our water resources.

We'd also like to acknowledge that these bills uphold the Hawaii State Constitution by helping to protect water resources for the benefit of the people and Hawaii's native ecosystems that rely on clean water. We strongly support SB 635!

Sincerely,

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In SUPPORT SB635 Relating to Water Conservation

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Aloha Chairmen Rhoads, Gabbard, and Nishihara and members of the joint committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i supports SB635, which establishes a rebate to commercial and residential property owners for water conservation devices.

Since 1968, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i has been working to protect the unique natural and cultural resources of our islands. We are deeply concerned about the long-term viability of freshwater resources in our islands.

This bill would establish a program to incentivize the installation of water conservation systems in homes and businesses. This program is a voluntary partnership with the counties that leverages state funds in a 1-to-1 match to save water.

This program is essential because we know that climate change is resulting in reduced rainfall. More extensive water conservation measures are needed to prevent extreme hardship in the future. It is estimated that implementing a program like this today could save 6 million gallons a day of freshwater by 2030.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Mahalo,

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Water Conservation Rebate Program

Having been born and raised in our beautiful island state, I can undoubtedly say that water is not only the most critical resource to our survival, but also the most criminally overlooked one. Leading experts in the field have conclusively proven that our water usage has seen a drastic spike in recent years; a demand that our supply simply cannot meet. That is why it is of the utmost importance to the people of Hawai'i that we preserve this essential resource, before it is too late. As our population flourishes, our water supply diminishes. If we allow Hawai'i to continue at this rate, we are projected to run out of water in a number of years. On top of this, if we were to run out of water, our state is unique in that we are unable to rely on other states for our water needs if we allow it to get to that point, since our closest neighbour state is 2.5 thousand miles away. Finally, water is the backbone of which our island lifestyle is built upon: from the waves we surf, to the water we drink, our water is a fundamental element to our thriving local culture. It is for this reason that Wai for Hawai'i strongly supports SB 635 and its companion bill, HB 636, and urges the committee to pass this measure for the sake of the future of Hawai'i's water.

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Water is essential not only for drinking but also for energy production, food production and the ability for our economy to continue to grow and thrive. On an island surrounded by water the value and scarcity of our freshwater resources can be forgotten. Unlike other states we cannot rely on our neighbors to provide water should we get into trouble, therefore anything we can do wisely manage our wai, our water, our wealth we should. The most cost effective way to meet the needs of increasing water use demands is through water efficiency and conservation. Like solar panels and energy efficiency devices there are water efficiency devices and water harvesting household options that if this committee passes this bill could have a large collective impact Statewide at a very low cost. The alternative is large infrastructure funding to develop new water sources.

One World One Water strongly supports S.B. 635 and ask the committee to pass this measure.

Testimony on Behalf of SB635
Relating to Water Conservation
Senate Committees on WTL, PSM, AEN
16 February 2017, 1:15pm, Room 229



Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Nishihara, Chair Gabbard, and Vice Chairs and Members of the Committees of WTL, PSM, and AEN,

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 635 Relating to Water Conservation

As a recent graduate from Hawaii Pacific University's Global Leadership and Sustainable Development Program, I am passionate about preserving Hawaii's natural resources. Conserving water not only impacts Hawaii's natural environment, it also saves the public both energy and water costs, protects drinking water resources, and minimizes water pollution. SB 635 will help provide incentives for members of the public to utilize water efficiency which in turn saves money and helps conserve our precious resource.

As climate change persists it will become more and more important to preserve our island resources. Scientists predict that climate change will increase the frequency of natural disasters, including harsher droughts that will jeopardize Hawaii's freshwater resources. Now is the time to start conserving water, and the passage of this bill will be a huge step forward.

As someone committed to improving the quality of natural systems, **I ask your support of SB635** to invest in Hawaii's water future.

Please contact me at LaraApplegate7@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Lara Applegate