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February 21, 2018

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2043 HD1, Relating to Wastewater

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services respectfully requests that HB 2043, HD1, be modified to remove the limitation of authority to determine saltwater infiltration. Infiltration or inflow to the sewer system negatively impacts the capacity of the sewer system and increases potential for spills whether or not it is fresh water or saltwater.

We support the intent of the proposed provision of authority to the county to implement a sewer monitoring program that includes inspection of sewer laterals connected to county sewers located on private property with proper notice, and to compel an owner to make repairs to such lateral or to make repairs as necessary if the property owner does not, with the change suggested above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lori M.K. Kahikina, P.E.
Director

HB-2043-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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