

HB-2043

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Kucharski		Support	No

Comments:

Re: **SUPPORT of HB2043**

(Relating to Waste Water)

Date: January 30, 2018 (Tuesday)

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Dear Chairperson Lee and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

The County of Hawaii (COH) supports HB 2043. Allowing a County to require facilities that connect to public sewers to inspect and repair their lateral connections is appropriate and consistent with good practices for conveyances of waste water. As COH finalizes the treatment of waste water for reuse (R1) in Kailua-Kona, the presence of salt water intrusion into out sewers from leaking laterals is a critical issue that requires remedy. This Bill grants the County the ability to have this damage corrected by the responsible party. The County of Hawaii fully supports this grant of authority.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

William A. Kucharski,

Director of Hawaii County Department of Environmental Management

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Testimony for EEP on 1/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Tuesday, January 30, 2018
8:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2043, RELATING TO WASTEWATER

To the Honorable Chris Lee, Chair; the Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2043, relating to the authority of the Counties to compel property owners to inspect the sewer laterals and make repairs as necessary. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2043 and support its passage.

House Bill No. 2043, is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it authorizes the counties to inspect sewer laterals located on

private property and authorizes the counties to compel property owners to inspect sewer laterals and make repairs as necessary. The DPH Platform states that “[t]he Democratic Party of Hawai’i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment are essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai’i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling and waste reduction. . . .

We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 9, Lines 406-415, 432-433 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2043 authorizes the Counties to compel property owners to inspect the sewer laterals and make repairs, as necessary, thereby protecting our natural environment from wastewater pollution and contamination, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No

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