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
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Dear Chair Lee, Chair Yamane and Members:

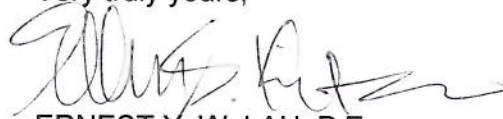
Subject: SCR 177/ SR 106, Requesting the State and the Counties to
Implement the Recommendations of the Hawaii Sea Level Rise
Vulnerability and Adaptation Report

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 177/ Senate Resolution (SR) 106, Requesting the State and the Counties to implement the recommendations of the Hawaii Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report. The BWS is actively working with the City's Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency Office and participates in the City Resilience Team to plan for sea level rise.

The BWS recognizes that sea level rise and coastal erosion will impact the water distribution system in low lying and coastal areas and adaptation measures need to be prioritized and implemented. The BWS has already experienced difficulty in repairing main breaks along Ala Wai Boulevard, Ala Moana Boulevard and Nimitz Highway having to wait for low tide to complete pipe repairs. We anticipate sea level rise exacerbating water system maintenance and repair in the decades to come.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony in support of SCR 177/ SR 106.

Very truly yours,



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