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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
PUBLIC SAFETY,  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS  
and  
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, February 11, 2019  
1:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In Consideration of  
SENATE BILL 649  
RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION**

Senate Bill 649 proposes to establish within the Commission on Water Resource Management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program for county-owned public water systems to implement their respective water conservation incentive programs. This measure also proposes to appropriate an unspecified amount out of the general revenues from Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for this two-year pilot program. **The Department supports this initiative with proposed amendments, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request. The Department respectfully suggests revisions to this measure to delegate implementation of this initiative to each of the county water supply departments.**

Fresh water is Hawaii's most precious natural resource. It is imperative that water utilities and their customers become as efficient as possible when it comes to using water. Water conservation is one of the most cost-effective long-term water supply options for a utility. Successful water conservation incentive programs can help to preserve our limited water supplies to provide for society's growing needs while ensuring abundant water for future generations. County-owned water utilities can reduce their customer per-capita water use by carefully implementing demand-side water conservation incentive programs and measures – which will require funding resources.

The Department notes the introduction of a similar measure, House Bill 636 during the 2017 Hawai'i Legislative Session, that was subsequently amended (House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1) to delegate implementation of a water conservation financial assistance pilot program to the county water supply departments. However this similar measure did not get out of conference committee.

The Department's proposed changes to Senate Bill 649 below would provide funding directly to county-owned water utilities on a one-to-one cost share basis. Providing a state-funded cost share will incentivize these utilities to implement water conservation incentive programs and to stretch available county funding.

SECTION 2. There is established within [~~the commission on water resource management~~] each of the four county water supply departments, a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program to provide financial assistance to county-owned public water systems to implement their respective water conservation incentive programs.

As used in this Act:

[~~"Commission" means the commission on water resource management.~~]

"Public water system" has the same meaning as that term is defined in section 340E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 3. To carry out the purposes of this Act, [~~the commission~~] each county water supply department shall:

- ~~[(1) Solicit proposals from county owned public water systems describing their proposed water conservation incentive programs;~~
- ~~(2) Ensure that county owned public water systems~~ administer] (1) Administer and manage their water conservation incentive programs and [~~furnish information to the commission documenting~~] document the total

estimated amount of water conserved under [~~this~~] their  
respective program; and

- ~~[(3) Prioritize awards pursuant to this section for county-owned public water systems where state funds are matched or leveraged with non state funds; and~~
- ~~(4) Provide financial assistance pursuant to this section to county owned public water systems on a reimbursable basis through contracts or agreements.~~

~~Reimbursements made pursuant to this Act shall not exceed fifty per cent of the total cost of each county water conservation incentive program, including administrative costs.]~~

- (2) Provide matching funds on a one-to-one cost share basis to match or leverage with non-state funds appropriated for the purposes of this conservation financial assistance pilot program.

SECTION 4. A county-owned public water system water conservation incentive program may include:

- (1) Rebate programs where county-owned public water systems refund customers no more than fifty per cent of the cost to install water conserving technologies in residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial settings; and
- (2) Direct replacement programs where county-owned public water systems pay for the total cost to install water conserving technologies for customers in residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial settings.

As used in this section, "water conserving technologies" means equipment, appliances, and supplies that materially and predictably reduce potable water use as determined by the ~~[commission]~~ respective county water supply department and may include rain barrels and cisterns, hot water circulation pumps, soil moisture sensors, smart irrigation controllers, turf grass replacement, air conditioning condensate capture, multi-unit water sub-meters, WaterSense® labeled water saving products, high-efficiency toilets, grey-water systems, and other devices, apparatus, or materials ~~[as determined and approved by the commission on water resource management]~~.

SECTION 5. In order to evaluate ~~[a]~~ the program's effectiveness, ~~[the commission]~~ each county water supply department shall:

- (1) Review ~~[the county owned public water system water]~~ their conservation incentive programs and determine the amount of non-state matching funds;
- (2) Determine the impact of ~~[the county owned public water system]~~ their water conservation incentive programs on water conservation in terms of water saved; and
- (3) Make a recommendation to the legislature on whether funding for the water conservation financial assistance program should be expanded, extended, or discontinued.

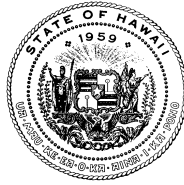
~~[The commission]~~ Each county water supply department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any

proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program.

The sums appropriated shall be expended equally by [~~the commission on water resource management~~] each of the four county water supply departments for the purposes of this Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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TESTIMONY ONLY

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0649  
RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION**

SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS

SENATOR KAIALI'I KAHELE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Hearing Date: February 11, 2019 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's  
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and  
3 personnel priorities.

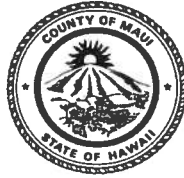
4 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports this measure with proposed amendments by  
5 the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management,  
6 which establishes a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program to provide  
7 financial assistance directly to the county for the county-owned public water systems as long as  
8 it does not impact the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget Request. The  
9 Department has jurisdiction over regulating drinking water in Hawaii to ensure the protection of  
10 public health and the environment.

11 As stated in the Wai Maoli Hawai'i Fresh Water Initiative, the Fresh Water Council  
12 identified the conservation of 40+ million gallons of water per day by 2030 as one of three  
13 targets and strategies. The goal is to "improve the efficiency of our daily groundwater use rate  
14 by 15%, saving 25 gallons per day per resident by 2030." This measure would assist in the  
15 realization of this goal and the Department's strategic goal to "Create a Culture of Health  
16 Throughout Hawaii."

17 **Offered Amendments:** None.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO  
Mayor



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Acting Director

HELENE KAU  
Deputy Director

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February 6, 2019

**Testimony of the County of Maui Department of Water Supply  
In Consideration of S.B. 649 relating to Water Conservation**

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
and  
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

**February 11, 2019  
1:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

Honorable Chair Nishihara, Honorable Chair Kahele and Committee members:

The County of Maui Department of Water Supply supports the intent of the proposed Bill S.B. No. 649 to establish a financial assistance pilot program to provide county-owned public water system with resources to implement conservation measures. As a county water utility, we are tasked with ensuring the quality, reliability and affordability of our customers' water supply. We are intimately familiar with the needs of our customers and already manage numerous water conservation efforts targeting identified challenges and opportunities within our local community.

We acknowledge the lead role of the Commission on Water Resource Management as coordinator and collaborator for water conservation statewide. However, counties have a proven track record of efficiently and effectively managing conservation programs in a way that is responsible, responsive and contextualized to customer and community needs. Adding the administrative burden on the Commission while limiting the counties' flexibility with regard to how appropriated funds are used and how water conservation programs are managed may hinder innovation and diminish efficiency. We therefore request that S.B.No. 649 be amended to delegate implementation of this initiative to the county water supply departments to self-manage their water conservation programs and to use State appropriated funds in ways that are in the best interest of their respective communities.

Thank you for your consideration of our viewpoint on this matter. We believe it is an important issue, and would like to see the legislation amended to ensure effective and efficient implementation of water conservation programs throughout the State of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey T. Pearson".

Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E.  
Acting Director of Water Supply

*"By Water All Things Find Life"*



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February 6, 2019

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair,  
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair, Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair,  
and Members of the Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairs Nishihara and Kahele:

**Subject: Senate Bill 649 Relating to Water Conservation**  
**Hearing: February 11, 2019, 1:30 p.m.**

The Department of Water Supply, County of Hawaii'i (HDWS), respectfully submits testimony in support of Senate Bill 649 (SB 649).

Fresh water is Hawaii's most precious natural resource. It should be used wisely and efficiently; not wasted. Water conservation incentive programs are a cost-effective, long-term strategy to decrease the "demand-side" (i.e. customer side) water usage. Successful water conservation incentive programs can help to preserve our finite fresh water supplies to provide for our island's growing needs while ensuring an adequate supply of fresh water for future generations. Providing a state-funded, state-administered program will encourage the public water utilities to pursue water conservation incentive programs and stretch the available water utility funds.

Thank you for your time and consideration on HDWS' testimony for this proposed bill. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (808) 961-8050.

Sincerely yours,

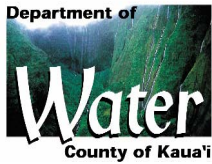
Keith K. Okamoto, P.E.  
Manager-Chief Engineer

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Testimony of  
Bryan Wienand, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer  
Before the Senate Committees on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
And  
Water and Land  
Monday, February 11, 2019  
1:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room  
229

February 8, 2019

The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
And Members  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
And

The Honorable Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair  
And Members  
Committee on Water and Land  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: SB649, RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION**

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The Department's proposed changes to this measure below would provide funding directly to county-owned water utilities on a one-to-one cost share basis. We note that during the 2017 Hawai'i Legislative Session amended a similar bill (HB636 SD1 HD1) which did not pass final reading (attached for reference). Providing a state-funded cost share will incentivize these utilities to implement water conservation incentive programs and to stretch available county funding.

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  - (1) Administer and manage their water conservation education and incentive programs and [~~furnish information to the commission documenting~~] document the total estimated amount of water conserved under [~~this~~] their respective program; and

- ~~[(3) Prioritize awards pursuant to this section for county-owned public water systems where state funds are matched or leveraged with non state funds; and~~
- ~~(4) Provide financial assistance pursuant to this section to county owned public water systems on a reimbursable basis through contracts or agreements.~~

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- (3) Promoting and administering water conservation through events and campaigns focused on public education with

incentives for pledging to make changes directly correlated with reducing water consumption.

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~~[The commission]~~ Each county water supply department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed

legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

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The sums appropriated shall be expended equally by [~~the commission on water resource management~~] each of the four county water supply departments for the purposes of this Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any further questions feel free to contact me at (808) 245-5408 or via email at [bwienand@kauaiwater.org](mailto:bwienand@kauaiwater.org).

Respectfully,

Bryan Wienand P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer

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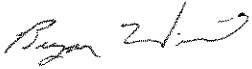
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Respectfully,



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Manager and Chief Engineer

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February 11, 2019

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The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Water and Land  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Kahele and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 649, Relating to Water Conservation

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports Senate Bill (SB) 649, which establishes a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program for county-owned public water systems to implement their respective water conservation incentive programs.

This water conservation financial assistance program will provide matching funds to install water conserving technologies in residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial settings. In 2018, the BWS established a water conservation rebate program for energy efficient clothes washers and rain barrel catchments. The BWS is working towards expanding the incentives program with weather-based irrigation controllers, pre-rinse spray nozzles and sub-meters. This state financial assistance program will allow BWS to expand conservation efforts to offer additional incentives to more of Oahu's residents, businesses and farmers.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on SB 649.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer



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Testimony in Support of SB649  
Relating to Water Conservation

Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
1:30pm  
Conference Room 229

**Subject:** Senate Bill (SB) 649 Relating to Water Conservation

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land,

At One World One Water we are dedicated to reinvesting in water infrastructure and restoring natural environments, and we strongly support **SB649** which establishes a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program to provide financial assistance to county-owned public water systems. As climate change persists and droughts intensify, water conservation will be critical to ensuring water security across the islands. Additionally, water conservation also saves energy, which will help Hawaii reach statewide energy and sustainability goals. The financial support from this bill will help develop water conservation incentive programs, which will ultimately help establish communities who value our water resources and act to preserve them.

**We ask your support of SB649** to establish this grant program and special fund for cesspool conversions.

Please contact us at [globalwater@gmail.com](mailto:globalwater@gmail.com) should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
*One World One Water*





## HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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### **Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senate Committee on Water and Land**

Date: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: 1:30pm

Place: Conference Room 229

Re: Senate Bill (SB) 649 Relating to Water Conservation

Aloha! Hawai'i Community Foundation **strongly supports SB649** which establishes a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program to provide financial assistance to county-owned public water systems. As climate change persists and droughts intensify, water conservation will be critical to ensuring water security across the islands. Hawaii's statewide goal for water security, the Fresh Water Initiative, is seeking to increase efficiency of daily fresh water use to provide an additional 40 million gallons a day in increased water availability. Support from this bill will help Hawai'i reach its water conservation goal which will help ensure sustainability and resiliency throughout our islands. Land use changes, increased populations, reduced rainfall, and increased evapotranspiration are all factors that make water efficiency and conservation a critical issue. The financial support from this bill will help develop water conservation incentive programs, which will ultimately help establish communities who value our water resources and act to preserve them.

HCF **strongly supports SB649** and we stand ready to collaborate and assist in moving Hawaii towards increased water reuse and strengthened water security.

Should you have any questions about this testimony, please feel welcome to contact me at [dokano@hcf-hawaii.org](mailto:dokano@hcf-hawaii.org).

Sincerely,

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Program Director of Strategies, Initiatives and Networks  
Hawai'i Community Foundation

**SB-649**

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 1:23:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/11/2019 1:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-649**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 2:03:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/11/2019 1:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Winslow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 9, 2019

TO: The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: <sup>KK</sup> Kelly T. King  
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 649,  
RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program to provide financial assistance to county-owned public water systems.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Conservation is an important focus for the Maui County Department of Water Supply, which already manages several conservation programs. For example, the Department gives away rain barrels, which can help people save on their water bills while also reducing stormwater runoff, and it works with residents to replace old plumbing fixtures with more efficient ones. This measure will enhance the Department's efforts in this field.
2. As more housing is developed and the need for water increases, the Department will need to find even more ways to encourage both existing and new residents to conserve water. This measure's financial assistance program would be a great benefit to the Department, provided it continues to have the flexibility to explore conservation options that are particularly well suited to the people of Maui County.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

**SB-649**

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 6:45:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/11/2019 1:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments: