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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 2029, H.D. 1
RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE LOANS**

comments

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

Hearing Date: March 14, 2016
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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for Department of Health.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health would like to note that there are existing
- 3 water infrastructure loan programs in the State. One such program is the State of Hawaii,
- 4 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program which provides low interest loans for the
- 5 construction of drinking water infrastructure projects to help achieve or maintain compliance
- 6 with drinking water standards and protect public health and the environment. While presently
- 7 limited to the four county water departments, the program plans to eventually expand to
- 8 non-county water systems.
- 9 From 1997 through state fiscal year 2015, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund has
- 10 disbursed more than \$210 million in low interest loans. As of February 8, 2016, the Drinking
- 11 Water State Revolving Fund has disbursed more than \$14 million in state fiscal year 2016.
- 12 The Department acknowledges that the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund cannot be used to
- 13 fund all of the kinds of projects listed in H.B. 2029, H.D. 1. Eligible drinking water
- 14 infrastructure projects include reservoirs, wells, treatment facilities, and distribution systems.
- 15 Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2029, H.D. 1, RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE LOANS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

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TESTIFIER(S): Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or
David D. Day, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following technical comments.

The bill proposes to establish a Hawaii water infrastructure program. The bill further proposes to establish a Hawaii Water Infrastructure Authority (Authority) to administer the program on behalf of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The bill states that the Authority is to be composed of five members: the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management, the Director of Finance, and two members to be appointed by the Governor. The chairperson of the Authority is the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Page 3, lines 12–18.

Pursuant to section 174C-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources is also the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Therefore, the Authority created by the bill would only consist of four people. We recommend deleting reference to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management as a member of the Authority and inserting a different individual to serve as a member of the Authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our comments.

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