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and Members
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
The Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 2159: Relating to Underground Storage Tanks

We appreciate the intent of Senate Bill 2159 and support adding a new section to Hawaii Revised Statutes §342L that requires qualified underground storage tank operators. Unfortunately, the new language proposed in the bill is too vague and recommend the following replacement.

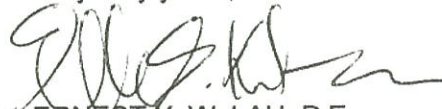
"§342L_____ Operation of Underground Storage Tanks or Tank Systems. Beginning _____ the operation of underground storage tank or tank system shall comply with the requirements of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 280, effective October 13, 2015, in its entirety including but not limited to field constructed steel tanks encased in concrete and field constructed concrete tanks with steel lining."

We have no comments to the revision to Hawaii Revised Statutes §342L-23 proposed in the bill.

We strongly believe the operation and maintenance of underground storage tanks in conformance with 40 CFR Part 280 in its entirety will help protect our drinking water aquifers by reducing the risk of tank leaks. Such protection is in the best interest of our state and its most precious resource – the groundwater aquifer – now and into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

for 
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