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April 2, 2018

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2043 HD1, SD1, Relating to Wastewater

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services supports HB 2043, HD1, SD1, which provides and clarifies the authority to inspect sewer laterals on private property and to compel property owners to repair such laterals. Infiltration or inflow to the sewer system negatively impacts the capacity of the sewer system and increases potential for spills whether or not it is fresh water or saltwater.

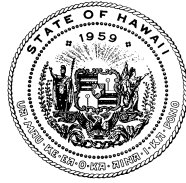
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori M.K. Kahikina", is written over a printed name and title.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2043 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO WASTEWATER**

SENATOR BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: April 3, 2018
Time: 9:15 am

Room Number: 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** Private and public sewer laterals can have a significant impact on the
3 performance of the county sewer systems and county wastewater treatment plants. Also, the owners
4 of the sewer laterals may be unaware of problems associated with their own sewer lateral or may be
5 unwilling to fix them.

6 The proposed measure is a step in the right direction. Counties need the authority to inspect
7 and control all forms of infiltration, inflow, and leaks from private and public sewer laterals
8 connecting to county sewers.

9 **Offered Amendments:** None.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-2043-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2018 1:04:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/3/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair; the Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **HB2043 HD1 SD1**, relating to the Counties; Sewers; Laterals; Inspections; and Repairs.

The OCC on Legislative Priorities is in favor of **HB2043 HD1 SD1** and support its passage.

HB2043 HD1 SD1, is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it authorizes counties to inspect sewer laterals located on private property under certain conditions and authorizes counties to compel property owners to inspect sewer laterals under certain conditions and to 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 **HB2043 HD1 SD1** authorizes counties to inspect sewer laterals located on private property under certain conditions and authorizes counties to compel property owners to inspect sewer laterals under certain conditions and to make repairs as necessary, thereby protecting our natural environment from wastewater pollution and contamination, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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