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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TO NOT  
COMBINE THE WAIMEA AND ANAEHOOMALU AQUIFER SYSTEM AREAS.

1 WHEREAS, the Commission on Water Resource Management is  
2 considering a proposed amendment and update to the Water  
3 Resource Protection Plan of the Hawai'i Water Plan to combine the  
4 Waimea and 'Anaeho'omalu aquifer system areas into the Waimea-  
5 'Anaeho'omalu aquifer system/sector area; and

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7 WHEREAS, this proposed amendment would also cause the  
8 combining of the existing W. Mauna Kea and N.W. Mauna Loa  
9 aquifer sector areas into the W. Mauna Kea-N.W. Mauna Loa  
10 aquifer sector area; and

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12 WHEREAS, ground water sustainable yields and hydrologic  
13 units called aquifer system areas are established by the  
14 Commission on Water Resource Management through the Water  
15 Resource Protection Plan of the Hawai'i Water Plan as established  
16 by the State Water Code, Hawaii Revised Statutes, chapter 174C;  
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19 WHEREAS, the purpose of properly establishing sustainable  
20 yields and aquifer system areas is to properly manage and  
21 protect Hawai'i's irreplaceable water resource; and

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23 WHEREAS, it is recognized that the waters of the State are  
24 held for the benefit of the citizens of the State and it is  
25 declared that the people of the State are beneficiaries and have  
26 a right to have the waters protected for their use as stipulated  
27 as a declaration of policy in Hawaii Revised Statutes, section  
28 174C-2; and

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30 WHEREAS, there is a need for a program of comprehensive  
31 water resources planning to address the problems of supply and  
32 conservation of water; and



1 WHEREAS, the proposed amendment fails to conserve, augment,  
2 and protect the water resource, including plans for stormwater  
3 management, reuse, reclamation, and remediation; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the draft staff submittal dated December 17, 2019  
6 and amended after the October 3, 2019 meeting is incomplete,  
7 missing relevant data and maps, and lacks substantial scientific  
8 evidence to substantiate the proposed amendment to combine the  
9 aquifer system areas; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is being pursued despite  
12 the draft staff submittal stating, "...the buried physical  
13 aquifer boundaries associated with changes in the  
14 characteristics of the geologic formations governing groundwater  
15 flow and changes in the hydraulic conductivity of the rocks that  
16 affect or impede the transport of water are not clear in the  
17 area"; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the draft staff submittal states that "data is  
20 limited and not definitive" and "[m]ore isotopic sample analyses  
21 would be helpful to confirm" the ground waters flowing from  
22 Mauna Kea and Moana Loa mix in the aquifer system areas being  
23 proposed to be combined; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Figure 9 in the draft staff submittal confirms  
26 that ground water isotopic sample analyses was not done in the  
27 'Anaeho'omalu aquifer system areas; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to combine the aquifer  
30 system areas for Waimea and 'Anaeho'omalu for a total of  
31 forty-six million gallons per day is being done to avoid the  
32 requirement to immediately address the potential problems of  
33 supply and conservation of water for the Waimea aquifer system  
34 areas; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to combine the aquifer  
37 system areas for Waimea and 'Anaeho'omalu would be inconsistent  
38 with the water resource protection and water quality plans as  
39 mandated by the State Water Code, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
40 chapter 174C; now, therefore,  
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## S.C.R. NO. 56

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
3 Representatives concurring, that the Commission on Water  
4 Resource Management is urged to not combine the Waimea and  
5 'Anaeho'omalu aquifer system areas; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aquifer system areas  
8 boundaries be kept intact until substantial scientific data and  
9 analyses is completed and reassessed with the U.S. Geological  
10 Survey; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aquifer system areas  
13 boundaries be kept intact until a complete and thorough draft  
14 staff submittal is updated and resubmitted for a public hearing  
15 and review; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aquifer system areas  
18 boundaries be kept intact until a sustainable and comprehensive  
19 water resources plan is developed for the Waimea and  
20 'Anaeho'omalu aquifer system areas; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
24 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director  
25 of Health, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of  
26 Hawaiian Affairs, Deputy for Water Resource Management, and  
27 Mayors of all counties.

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