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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice-Chair Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Chairs San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SR99/SCR 118 RELATING TO WATER REUSE SYSTEMS

The Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii is the State's largest association representing contractors in the plumbing, air conditioning, refrigeration, steamfitter, and fire sprinkler trades throughout Hawaii.

PAMCA fully <u>supports</u> the intent of SR99/SCR118 to pursue water reuse systems for commercial applications.

Water reuse represents an innovative strategy to conserve our essential water resources. By capturing rainwater for non-potable applications such as landscape irrigation, cooling towers, and toilet flushing, commercial projects can significantly lower their use of our islands' precious water resources. Furthermore, when integrated into commercial structures, these systems mitigate stormwater runoff and reduce the strain on our aging municipal infrastructures. As our islands face the increasing challenges of climate change, these measures are critical in creating resilient, sustainable environments that benefit both commercial activities and the broader community.

We urge this committee to prioritize and incentivize water reuse within commercial projects. Embracing these systems shows progressive thinking that safeguards natural resources, and advances urban sustainability. By taking these steps today, we ensure that our future generations inherit a more sustainable, efficient, and environmentally conscious Hawaii for tomorrow.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our testimony in support of SR99/SCR118.

Respectfully,

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