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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3136
RELATING TO LEAD MATERIALS IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: 02/25/2026, 10:55 AM, 211

1 **Fiscal Implications:** There are no fiscal implications for the State and little to no impact
2 otherwise. This measure is applicable to new installations/replacement of drinking water
3 materials so there is no up-front cost in having to replace what is already installed.

4 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (Department) supports this measure.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Management Division, Safe Drinking Water Branch
6 (EMD-SDWB) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

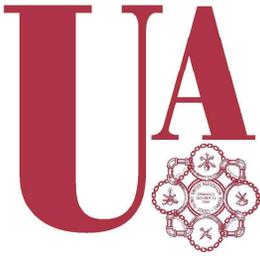
7 Manufacturers in the United States are already required to use lead-free materials
8 meeting the definition proposed in this measure and the existing Federal definition published in
9 2020.

10 Lead is a potent neurotoxin and the presence of lead in drinking water has serious
11 negative effects on human health. There are no regulated safe levels of lead especially for
12 children and women of childbearing age. Minimizing exposure in children is a priority as lead
13 may cause irreversible damage to the brain, kidneys, and nervous system. This could potentially
14 lead to learning disabilities, decreased IQ, behavioral problems, and stunted growth. In adults,
15 lead can cause kidney damage, high blood pressure, and cardiovascular issues. This measure

1 aligns State statute with Federal regulations by adding more stringent restrictions on lead in
2 drinking water systems, making it more protective of human health.

3 **Offered Amendments:** None.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL 675 UNITED ASSOCIATION



February 23, 2026

Hawaii State Senate

Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair; Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Reference: Senate Bill 3136, Relating to Lead Materials In Water Infrastructure

Hearing: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Room 211 at 10:55 am

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Committee Members;

The Plumbers and Fitters UA Local 675 (“Local 675”) are one of three licensed crafts in Hawai‘i’s construction industry. Its member apprentices and journeymen are guided by and licensed in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code whose primary purpose is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Local 675 SUPPORTS Senate Bill 3136 which amends Section 304E-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, subsection (i), on the use of lead materials in drinking water to align with the Safe Water Drinking Act and related Code of Federal Regulations.

The most currently published 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code, and as far back as the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code (Section 604.2- Water Supply and Distribution), which govern the plumbing industry in Hawai‘i, are consistent with the provisions of this bill which brings into alignment, state law and Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, section 143.12 and 143.13.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

From: Veronica Moore, Individual Citizen

Date: February 23, 2026

RE: Senate Bill 3136
Measure Title: RELATING TO LEAD MATERIALS IN WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE.
Report Title: Department of Health; Drinking Water; Water Infrastructure; Lead-
free Materials

To All Concerned,

My name is Veronica Moore and I support Senate Bill 3136. The present and future implications of enacting this bill should not be understated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore

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Submitted on: 2/23/2026 9:55:50 PM

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| Johnnie-Mae L. Perry | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

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