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Ms. Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
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Dear Chair Case:

Subject: Agenda Item L-1, Request Authorization for the Chairperson to Issue a Right-of-Entry Permit to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to Allow Access to an Existing Well for Assessment, Test Pumping, and Water Quality Analysis, Tax Map Key: (1) 4-5-023:002, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii

We provide testimony in support of the issuance of a Right-of-Entry permit to the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to access the existing Windward Oahu Exploratory Well, State Well No. 3-2449-02, which is located on the grounds of the Hawaii State Hospital.

In response to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) letter of inquiry dated January 6, 2015, asking if BWS was interested in acquiring State-owned exploratory wells, BWS expressed its intent to acquire and develop the subject well, subject to the approval, terms and conditions of DLNR, the well owner, and the Department of Health, who has control and management over the parcel, Tax Map Key 4-5-023:002, that the subject well is located on, pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 3504.

BWS finds that it would be advantageous to develop the subject well to compensate for the Commission on Water Resource Management's order of June 18, 2021 to reduce Haiku Tunnel production and provide potable water for the Hawaii State Hospital's expansion. BWS has therefore budgeted funding for a well condition assessment, test pumping and water quality analysis in its Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Program. If the evaluation is acceptable, then our intent is to acquire the existing Windward Oahu Exploratory Well, State Well No. 3-2449-02.

If you have any questions, please contact Barry Usagawa of our Water Resources Division at (808) 748-5900.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Safe Drinking Water Branch, Department of Health