

LATE TESTIMONY

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TO: Rep Kenneth Ito, Rep. Sharon Har and the Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources

SUBJ: HR52 Pertaining to PVC and HDE pipe

Meeting Date: Feb 23 at 9:30 a.m.

My name is Scotty Anderson and I have sold various types of pipe in Hawaii for the past 30 years. I currently serve as an agent for a major manufacturer of high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE).

I support this resolution as written but would like to add some background information.

PVC pipe is currently in wide use by Honolulu's Board of Water Supply. By cost, sanitation and length of service PVC is a fine alternative to ductile iron pipe which is also approved and still the pipe of choice on the neighbor islands.

HDPE pipe while in use on all islands remains to not be shown as an acceptable alternative material. It tends to be used when nothing else will work or as an insert into failed existing pipe.

If there was one perfect pipe that could do all then that is what would be used. As it is each type of pipe has its good points and its limitations. Consulting engineers should have the right to pick the material that best suites the application.

We realize that the Honolulu BWS is required to have all repair items needed on its repair trucks for all pipe used by BWS, and this seems to be the hold up for BWS approval on Oahu.

HDPE pipe has been used successfully in water lines for many years here in Hawaii. And while not potable water lines, it should be noted that the pipe to be used for Honolulu's proposed downtown air-conditioning system and the pipelines used to bring in the salt water for aquaculture at the Kona HOST facility is all HDPE.

Thank you for this opportunity to address this issue.