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and
Water and Land
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Honorable Representative McKelvey and Members of the Committee on Protection & Commerce and Water & Land,

I am writing to you in support of House Bill 1103 which would require the assessment of impact fees prior to issuance of a water meter and requires that impact fees be collected in full before or upon issuance of the water meter.

The Kauai Board of Water Supply has had an impact fee in place since 1970. The laws related to impact fees were approved in 1992 and at this point I am guess that on Kauai it was felt that its rules were grandfathered. With new legal representation, review of State Laws, and the Water Board Rules and Regulations, it was found that when the fee is collected does not match current practice.

We would like to have the law changed to allow the current practice so we are in sync with the State requirements. The current practice is to collect the fee at subdivision time or at meter issuance time depending on when the need for water is identified by the Department Rules and Regulations and the developer or customer.

By allowing the impact fees to be collected no later than meter installation time either case can be accommodated. There may even be cases where the full fee is unknown at subdivision time or plans could change from subdivision time to meter installation time. This flexibility allows better planning and fees imposed that are more closely related to what is needed.

Your favorable consideration and support of HB 1103 would be appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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