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September 2, 2022

Ms. Helene Kau, Director
Department of Water Supply
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Kau:

SUBJECT: BILL 79 (2022), EXEMPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSUMERS FROM RESTRICTIONS OR MANDATES DURING WATER SHORTAGES (APT-60)

May I please request a response to the following:

1. What are the Department's plans for using the Hamakuapoko Wells during water shortages? Please provide any cost analysis data available.
2. What are the Department's plans for using the Po'okela Well during water shortages? Please provide any cost analysis data available.
3. What are the Department's plans for working with the Department of Agriculture to address water shortages and related issues?
4. Please provide a summary of various options the Department has considered or is currently evaluating to address water shortages, such as water source development, reservoirs, storage tanks, and hydropower or other renewable energy sources.
5. You mentioned the Department evaluated solar power as a possible option to pump and deliver water to water systems. Please provide a summary of findings, including land requirements for the necessary infrastructure.

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6. How does the Department keep the public informed on its plans to address water shortages in the County?
7. Please provide a current copy of Johnson Controls' Analysis of Energy Saving Performance for Countywide facilities. If the report is not yet available, please confirm when the Department will be able to provide a copy.

May I further request that you transmit your response to apt.committee@mauicounty.us by **September 19, 2022**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Alison Stewart at ext. 7661, or Maria Leon at ext. 7866).

Sincerely,



SHANE M. SINENCI, Chair
Agriculture and Public Trust Committee

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino