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April 15, 2025

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Paltin:

SUBJECT: BILL 103 (2024), AMENDING CHAPTER 19.08, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO DENSITY WITHIN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS (DRIP-2)

Thank you for your letter dated March 24, 2025 regarding the above-agenda item. Please find Department of Water Supply's response:

1. Would your Department support an amendment that would require the installation of low-flow water fixtures in any additional units developed under Bill 103's provisions? If no, please explain why not.

## Response:

Yes. Requiring fixtures with higher water efficiency than the flow rates allowed under the Uniform Plumbing Code may mitigate the increase in water use on residential properties with additional units.

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2. If yes, should the amendment be included in Bill 103, which amends the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, or should this be addressed in a different section of the Maui County Code, such as Chapter 14.06A? Please explain.

## Response:

The Department is preparing to present amendments to Maui County Code Chapter 14.06 to Maui County Council after budget deliberations conclude. "A Bill for An Ordinance Amending Title 14, Article 1, Chapter 14.06A, Maui County Code, Relating to Water Conservation" was presented to the Board of Water Supply and is currently being vetted in community meetings. The Bill proposes requirements to install water efficient indoor and outdoor fixtures for hotels, motels, resorts and other commercial lodging establishments. The Bill does not propose requirements to install water efficient indoor fixtures for single family uses. Should your committee wish to require low flow fixtures for single family properties, it would be appropriate to add this provision to the proposed amendments to Chapter 14.06, rather than in Bill 103.

If you require additional information, please free to contact me. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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