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October 31, 2025

Mr. John Stufflebean, P.E., Director Department of Water Supply County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Stufflebean:

SUBJECT: BILL 160 (2025), AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE WAI

MAOLI: FRESH WATER INITIATIVE (WAI-19)

At its meeting of November 17, 2025, the Council's Water and Infrastructure Committee intends to discuss Bill 160 (2025), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, THE STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THE STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, FOR THE WAI MAOLI: FRESH WATER INITIATIVE."

May I please request your response to the following:

- 1. What is the Council's deadline to act on Bill 160 (2025)?
- 2. Which entities have executed the Memorandum Of Understanding, to date? Has any entity declined to execute the agreement?
- 3. Please estimate the amount of any financial obligation the County would be assuming under the MOU and explain.
- 4. Please confirm whether the Department would return to the Council, for approval by ordinance, of any "specific and separate written

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agreement executed by the Member(s) and Resource Participants" for the commitment of resources, as noted in Miscellaneous Condition 5.

May I further request you transmit your response to wai.committee@mauicounty.us by **November 7, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include WAI-19 in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Keone Hurdle at ext. 7659, or Lori Ann Tengan at ext. 7147).

Sincerely,

TOM COOK, Chair

Water and Infrastructure Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Caleb P. Rowe, Deputy Corporation Counsel