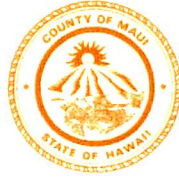


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*Richard T Bissen* 9.20.23  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair  
Maui County Council  
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**SUBJECT: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, PACIFIC ISLANDS WATER SCIENCE CENTER, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Dear Chair Lee:

The Department of Water Supply has been working with the U.S. Geological Survey, Pacific Islands Water Science Center, United States Department of the Interior (USGS) since the 1980's. We would like to continue this cooperative water-resource monitoring program from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The data collected at selected rainfall, streamflow and groundwater monitoring stations are being used to evaluate the status and trends of surface water and groundwater resources on the Islands of Maui and Moloka'i. Data collected are stored in the USGS National Water Information System database and are publicly available on the internet website (<http://hi.water.usgs.gov>).

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Honorable Alice L. Lee  
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Section 2.20.020 of the Maui County Code requires an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter into any intergovernmental agreement which places a financial obligation upon the County or any department or agency. Therefore, we respectfully request approval of the above referenced and furthermore attached proposed legislation.

Sincerely,



JOHN STUFFLEBEAN, P.E.  
Director

xc: James A. Landgraf, Deputy Director  
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