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February 20, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey T. Pearson, P.E., Director
Department of Water Supply
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Pearson:

**SUBJECT: STATUS OF GRANTS UNDER DEPARTMENT OF
WATER SUPPLY AND BENCHMARKS FOR GRANTEE
PERFORMANCE (WIT-13)**

At its meeting on February 3, 2020, the Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee discussed the status of various grants under the Department of Water Supply's Watershed Protection Grants Program.

May I please request the following information:

1. In correspondence dated November 18, 2019, you stated to the Water and Infrastructure Committee: "Administration and Overhead costs cannot exceed 15 % of the total grant award amount for each grantee." Does the Department assess whether any administrative payroll costs are included in the Personnel category of the grantee's budgets?
2. Is it accurate to assume most position salaries for grantees are only covered at 35 percent by Department funds? If so, is that percentage set by the Department or the grantee?
3. Has the Department considered that an apparent hurdle for grantees retaining field workers is the relatively low salaries for those positions, especially when considering frequently harsh working conditions? If so, will the Department be addressing this concern?

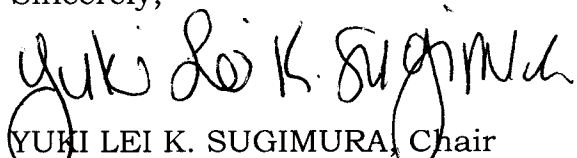
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4. Is Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. still supporting grantees with partnerships and services? If not, is the Department assisting grantees in finding other organizations that can provide similar support?
5. Does the Department have any staff positions dedicated solely to watershed protection and management, or does the County rely entirely on nonprofit organizations to create and fill jobs with that singular focus?
6. Concerning community outreach and grassroots efforts to promote water conservation and education, how many of the organizations the Department works with are previous grantees versus new organizations?
7. Is the Department working with grassroots groups and smaller, newer nonprofit organizations to expand community outreach efforts to promote water conservation and education?

May I request your written response no later than **February 28, 2020**. 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 (Chester Carson at ext. 7659, Lesley Milner at ext. 7886, or Rayna Yap at ext. 8007).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation
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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino