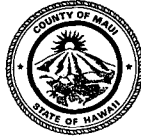


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September 26, 2017

Mr. David Taylor, Director
Department of Water Supply
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Taylor:

**SUBJECT: STATUS OF GRANTS UNDER DEPARTMENT OF
WATER SUPPLY AND BENCHMARKS FOR GRANTEE
PERFORMANCE (WR-09)**

At its meeting of September 20, 2017, the Water Resources Committee discussed the status of grants under the Department of Water Supply and benchmarks for grantee performance.

In order to assist the Committee in fully understanding the grants under the Department of Water Supply, may I please request you provide the following information:

1. Please explain the distinction in purpose between Watershed Protection Grants administered by the Department of Water Supply and Water and Environmental Resource Protection and Conservation Grants administered by the Office of Economic Development.
2. Please identify how the Department determines "direct benefit to water supply customers" when evaluating grant proposals prior to grant award.
3. Does the Department differentiate between research-based proposals and fieldwork-oriented proposals for grants? If so, please explain whether specific portions of grant monies are allocated for each of these purposes.

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Additionally, the Committee respectfully requests the Department provide an update to the Committee in January, 2018, reporting on the currently unavailable information for Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 and 2017, to allow adequate time for review prior to the FY 2019 Budget session.

I would appreciate receiving your response by **October 9, 2017**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Maggie Clark at ext. 7661, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alika Atay', written in a cursive style.

ALIKA ATAY, Chair
Water Resources Committee

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cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa