WAI Committee

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Aloha,

Please see attached testimony on WAI-24 and WAI-25 from Pamela Tumpap, President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Mahalo,

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Testimony on WAI-24 & WAI-25 Relating to Upcounty Water Meters Monday, February 11, 2019

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Paltin and Members of the Water and Infrastructure Committee,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed bills.

The two proposed bills will extend the reservation period and application period for Upcountry water meters. The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports the two proposed bills as they provide property owners with additional time to complete the required steps and makes the timing of the process more reasonable. There are many costly things that property owners often have to do before the County can install their water meter, so these extensions allow property owners the necessary time to get this work completed.

Many residents have waited a long time to get water service and should be given enough time for the application and to get their property ready for the meter installation without the risk of losing their place on the list.

Therefore, we support these bills and ask that you please pass them through to the full Council.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

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President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.