

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY**

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
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The Honorable Ann H. Kobayashi, Chair  
Committee on Budget  
Honolulu City Council  
Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kobayashi:

Subject: Board of Water Supply Support of Resolution 12-332

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) respectfully supports City Council Resolution 12-332, which seeks to evaluate the potential development of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) Beretania property to generate lease revenue and other benefits that will reduce its reliance on water ratepayer funds to pay for operational and capital improvement needs of the department. The BWS plans to select a developer who will be tasked with developing the approximate six acre BWS Beretania property as well as the financing of the said development.

In an effort to maintain affordability for our customers, the BWS plans to issue a Request for Proposal to obtain best value proposals from qualified developers to determine if development of the Beretania property would benefit the customers that the BWS serves.

Therefore, I respectfully urge the Honorable Council to support Resolution 12-332.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.  
Manager and Chief Engineer