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Subject: ** SPAM ** Bill 90 2

Dear City Council Members,

As a concerned resident/owner and Board of Directors member at Honolulu Park Place, it has just come to my attention that Bill 90 is being considered which will require condos to install individual water meters in all apartments so that each owner will be billed separately for their water usage. This is intended to "encourage" people to conserve water. This would require condos to retrofit their entire building at the cost of millions of dollars, the stated cost of \$1800.00 per unit is not feasible and does not including other costs for all the associated work which would be required to plan and design the work, re-plastering and re-painting walls, etc.....not to mention the inconvenience to the residents with water shutdowns, noise, and debris.

With all economic indicators showing that we will be going into a recession do you think this is a good idea. Many owners are elderly and on a fixed income. Even the statement that the association would pay, where does the association gets it money except from the owners in the form of maintenance fees or a special assestment.

Our condo even received a letter from the Board of Water in July 2007 congratulating us for reducing our water usage by 671,000 gallons or 2% during the period June 2006 - May 2007 as compared to the previous year. We even had HECO perform an on-site evaluation of our structure and facilities last year to see if we could do anything to reduce our electricity usage and were informed that we were on target in keeping our usage down. We continually encourage our residents and staff to conserve water and electricity, and we believe other condos are also taking measures to keep rising costs down by conserving the usage of natural resources.

There should be increased educational efforts for the conservation of our natural resources which touches and educates everyone. HECO does it quite effectively. The Board of Water Supply should follow their lead. Existing condo buildings should not be singled out to bear such an exorbitant cost for individual billing of water usage to "encourage" water conservation. There is no proof that owners of other structures with individual meters (including single family dwellings) are good or better stewards of water usage. If this bill is passed, it should apply to only new condos and not apply to existing condos as other with bills/laws which have been passed.

As our Council Member, I ask that you not support this bill or to favor the exclusion of existing condos.

Carlton Chun Owner and
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