Dean Okimoto, President
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Dear Mr. Okimoto:

NOTICE OF UPCOMING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ISSUE SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR DAM AND RESERVOIR OWNERS

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and the 2012 Legislature, with the support of dam and reservoir owners, partnered to adopt a proposal to amend the Hawaii State Constitution that would allow the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist dam and reservoir owners improve their facilities. By law, the proposal, House Bill 2594, Conference Draft 1, will appear on the ballot in this year's general election on November 6, 2012.

Yes

"Shall the State be authorized to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bond to assist dam and reservoir owners to make their facilities compliant with current safety standards?"

The proposed amendment will need more than 50% of all the total ballots cast to be "yes" in order to pass. Blank or invalid votes are considered "no" votes. Only a "yes" vote will count toward the passage of this amendment. The Department requests your assistance in obtaining support to gain approval of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Chief Engineer