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From: Deborah L Ward/DLNR/StateHiUS  
To: Malia Zimmerman <malia@hawaiireporter.com>,  
Date: 11/02/2012 06:15 PM  
Subject: Re: media inquiry: DLNR ad supporting constitutional amendment

Malia,

In this November 2012 election, there will be a chance to amend the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i (Constitution) to allow the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist dam and reservoir owners with investigating and improving their facilities. The Department of Land and Natural Resources is on record as supporting this amendment and has posted a fact sheet on the website at [www.hawaii.gov/dlnr](http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr). (Flyer directly at <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/ConAmendment-No1-Fact-Sheet.pdf>)

The newspaper ad and the Chair's recent appearances on TV have been educational efforts to explain to the public why we support this amendment. Funding for the newspaper ad is from the Dam and Reservoir Safety Special Fund

HRS §179D-6 General powers and duties of the board of land and natural resources states  
b) 11) Prepare, publish, and issue printed pamphlets, bulletins, or advisories, or conduct training as the board deems necessary for the dissemination of information to the public;

HRS 179D-25-b-3&7 also state:

- (b) The board may expend moneys from the dam and reservoir safety special fund for
  - (3) Preparing and disseminating information to the public concerning activities authorized under this chapter;
  - (7) Other purposes for the administration of the dam and reservoir safety program under this chapter or any rule adopted thereunder, including but not limited to funding permanent or temporary positions that may be appointed without regard to chapter 76.

The Department supports this constitutional amendment No. 1 because it provides vast public benefit and the private dam and reservoir owners that apply for the program will pay the debt service of the special purpose revenue bonds. The State will not be pledging any of its assets or revenues to support a bond sale for this purpose. As dam and reservoir facilities are improved, the public will benefit from their services.

This constitutional amendment benefits our communities as improvements to dam and reservoir facilities

provide:

- public safety,
- flood control,
- recreation,
- agricultural,
- water quality, and
- ground water recharge.

For more information on this proposal, visit the following links:

DLNR Wai Halana [newsletter http://www.hidlnr.org/eng/nfip/waiHalana/pdf/2012\\_oct.pdf](http://www.hidlnr.org/eng/nfip/waiHalana/pdf/2012_oct.pdf)

Notice of Proposed Constitutional Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii

<http://hawaii.gov/elections/documents/2012/ConAm%20Poster%202012%20Final%20-%20all%20languages.pdf>

I don't know the answer to your second question

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Malia Zimmerman

HI Deborah, There's a small add in today's pap...

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HI Deborah,

There's a small add in today's paper endorsing a Yes vote on Constitutional Amendment #1 that is on the ballot this year. This is the one about allowing special purpose revenue bonds to assist private reservoir and dam owners make repairs.

The ad is paid for by DLNR. Is it legal/ethical for a state agency to pay for a political ad?

The ad is on the front page of the Local section (top right corner) of today's Star-Advertiser.

Also how many of these ads have you placed and at what cost?

Thanks,

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