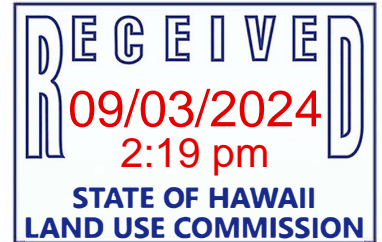


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Honorable, Dan Giovanni, Land Use Commission, Chair  
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Honorable Members of the Land Use Commission

## **RE: PRESENTATION AND ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (CWRM)**

Chair Giovanni,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest Construction Trades Local in the United States. **I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 oppose the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management.**

We understand the need for greater coordination with the different commissions within the state, but this MOU would give one commission (CWRM) preference over other commissions and state departments. The current system in place allows all state commissions and departments to testify and comment in all state meetings on equal terms. Allowing an MOU like this would break that system.

Lastly, we are unaware of any MOU being reviewed by the Land Use Commission in previous meetings. To have an MOU come up on the agenda for presentation/action, without previous review by the LUC is not the proper protocol and should be frowned upon.

Sincerely,

Ana Tuiasosopo Hawaii District Representative, Trustee