

Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds Sustain Hawaii's Water Infrastructure

\$448.2 million – The value of tax-exempt municipal bonds communities across Hawaii issued in 2016 to fund improvements to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

\$190.4 million – Additional debt service costs cities and towns in Hawaii would incur over their payback periods if interest earned on these bonds was fully taxable, **a 25 percent increase.***

\$18.7 million – Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund assistance the federal government provided to Hawaii in 2016. Fully taxing municipal bond interest would cost the state **10 times** the value of this year's SRF assistance.

Affordable investment in Hawaii's water infrastructure should not be a consequence of tax reform.

AMWA and NACWA urge you to preserve tax-exempt municipal bonds.



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*Based on Bloomberg data assuming uniform \$50 million projects with 30-year loan maturities and "AA" credit ratings.