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News Release

### **Water Department's Energy Savings Efforts Translate into Big Rebate**

The Department of Water Supply scored a big rebate recently for its energy conservation efforts.

The water utility's governing board at its monthly meeting on April 26 took receipt of \$130,000.00 from Hawai'i Energy, to support the purchase of equipment and loggers for energy savings, through reduction of water loss as part of Water Supply's leak detection program.

"This substantial rebate is the result of the diligence and commitment of our staff in collaboration with Hawai'i Energy, and we accept it gratefully," said Keith Okamoto, Manager-Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply.

Hawai'i Energy energy efficiency advisor Graceson Ghen told the Water Board that the Department had in fact earned a total of \$325,000.00 in cash rebates over the past three years, for leak loggers, LED lighting, and more energy-efficient air conditioning.

Hawai'i Energy is a rate-payer funded energy conservation and efficiency program under contract with the State's Public Utility Commission, which offers cash rebates to residential and commercial energy users who adopt energy-saving measures such as LED lighting, energy-efficient appliances and renewable energy sources such as solar water heaters.

The Department of Water Supply continues to commit efforts to introduce innovative energy-saving programs to reduce its electricity costs -- and in turn to reduce power costs to its customers.

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