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Letter: Without HB 1326, risk of losing water is high

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I live and farm in Omaopio and I know my water comes from East Maui. I remember in the 1960s when water was hauled manually when Upcountry supplies were dry.

People today are gambling about what is needed to ensure that we have reliable water supplies.

Policymakers should make decisions that are the best for Hawaii, and that includes Maui. Upcountry has grown since the 1960s.

How can we meet the needs of our people without water? I know if it comes to that, I would not be able to farm. My workers would not have jobs. The vegetables I grow for Maui would not be possible.

Is it worth the risk to not pass House Bill 1326?

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