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## **Big Island Schoolchildren Invited to Enter Water Supply's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest**

HILO, HAWAII – The Department of Water Supply (DWS), County of Hawai'i, is pleased to announce its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest open to Big Island students island-wide who attend kindergarten through the fifth grade.

**Friday, March 11, 2022, is the deadline** to submit an original artwork illustrating this year's theme of "*Be a Superhero – Waste Zero*" on a flat, 11- by 17-inch paper. Any medium may be used, except for three-dimensional renderings, chalk, charcoal and oil-based crayon. No computer graphics or photographs will be accepted.

Each poster submission should be accompanied by a completed entry form available below, [www.hawaiiidws.org](http://www.hawaiiidws.org), via email by contacting [dws@hawaiiidws.org](mailto:dws@hawaiiidws.org) or by calling DWS weekdays at 961-8050. There is no charge to enter. To reduce in-person contact due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, contest entries should be mailed to DWS in Hilo or dropped off in designated bins at DWS' offices in Hilo, Kona or Waimea by Friday, March 11. Address locations and additional contest rules are listed on the attached entry form and at [www.hawaiiidws.org](http://www.hawaiiidws.org).

The free contest aims to highlight the importance of reducing water waste and protecting drinking water supplies. It challenges keiki to utilize artistic ways of conserving our most precious resource – safe drinking water. Conservation ideas, including the video "Save Water to Help the Earth," are posted under the "Conservation" link at [www.hawaiiidws.org](http://www.hawaiiidws.org).

Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entrants from each grade level K-5, as chosen by a panel of judges, for a maximum total of 12 winners island-wide. Winning entries will be announced at a future Water Board meeting.

Founded in 1949, the Department of Water Supply is a semi-autonomous agency of the County of Hawai'i. The Department's mission is to provide customers with an adequate and continuous supply of safe drinking water through the operation of its 23 separate water systems that combined deliver 25 million gallons of water each day.

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*... Water, Our Most Precious Resource... Ka Wai A Kāne...*

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