

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2509

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2509 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce waste and protect the environment by establishing the Electronic Waste Recycling Act. Among other things, this measure:


- (1) Allows manufacturers to implement their own collection, transportation, and recycling program for computer monitors, televisions, and portable computers (covered electronic devices);
- (2) Directs the Department of Health (DOH) to establish its own program for manufacturers with no programs;
- (3) Creates a labeling and registration system to identify and account for covered electronic devices;
- (4) Prohibits the disposal of covered electronic devices in solid waste disposal facilities beginning January 1, 2010; and
- (5) Establishes the Electronic Device Recycling Fund to collect manufacturer fees, payments, and penalties to run the program.



The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, County of Kauai Department of Public Works, Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, and Retail Merchants of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. DOH and the Consumer Electronics Association opposed this measure. Tax Foundation of Hawaii, Environmental Center, Verizon Wireless, Covanta Energy Group, AT&T, Philips Electronics, Thomson Inc., and Sony Electronics Inc., offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2509 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2509</b>	Committee Referral: <b>FIN</b>	Date: <b>2-28-2008</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
5. BROWER, Tom	✓			
6. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
8. HAR, Sharon E.				✓
9. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	✓			
10. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
11. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
12. MIZUNO, John	✓			
13. NAKASONE, Bob				✓
14. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
15. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
16. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose				✓
18. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
19. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.				✓
<b>TOTAL (19)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Marilyn B. Lee</u>				
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