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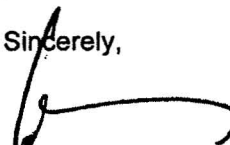
Representative Hermina M. Morita, Chair
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 312
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Morita:

Subject: HB 2509 -- RELATING TO ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING.
Establishes a state program for collection, recycling, enforcement, and monitoring of covered electronic devices; establishes program funding through the electronic device recycling fund.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services strongly supports HB 2509, which establishes a state program for collecting and recycling covered electronic devices that places the bulk of the responsibility on the manufacturers. The covered electronic devices include computer monitors and televisions, which the City currently collects in islandwide bulky item pickup services and at refuse convenience centers. The cost to recycle ewaste is significant, and as we look forward to the increased volume resulting from the mandatory change from analog to digital television, the costs will be staggering. The counties should not be forced to add this burden to the taxpayer.

Sincerely,


F Eric S. Takamura, Ph.D., P.E.
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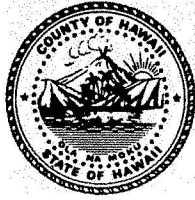
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January 26, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

Rep. Hermina M. Morita, Chair and Members

Rep. Mele Carroll, Vice Chair, Rep. Ken Ito Rep. Roland D. Sagum, III

Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Rep. Scott K. Saiki

Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Rep. Cynthia Thielen

DATE: Tuesday, January 29, 2008, TIME: 8:30 am

Regarding Testimony in favor of:

HB RELATING TO ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING.
2509 Establishes a state program for collection, recycling,
enforcement, and monitoring of covered electronic devices;
establishes program funding through the electronic device
recycling fund.

Aloha Chair Morita and Members,

I want to express my support for HB 2509. As Chair of the Hawai'i County Council Committee on Environmental Management I am acutely aware of the need to establish a statewide comprehensive program to capture all electronic waste for reuse, recycling and proper disposal. These devices often have a great deal of recoverable materials and also have a potential for spreading dangerous elements into the environment if not properly disposed of. Please give this bill favorable consideration. I believe that the State has the best chance at coordination this program. In speaking with recycling companies in the Pacific Rim, electronic recyclers wanted to take waste from the whole state. Such a program could make it possible to achieve the economies of scale where it is practical for more recyclers to compete profitably in Hawai'i.

Mahalo

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TO: Representative Hermina Morita
Chair, Committee on Environmental Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 314
Via Email: EEPttestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

FROM: Gary Slovin, Esq.

RE: H.B. No. 2509 – Relating to Electronic Device Recycling
Hearing: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Morita and Members of the Committee on Environmental Protection

I am Gary Slovin testifying on behalf of Covanta Energy Group, the operator of the HPOWER waste-to-energy facility at Campbell Industry Park.

H.B. 2509 establishes a state program for collection, recycling, enforcement, and monitoring of covered electronic devices, and establishes program funding through the electronic device recycling fund. The measure also prohibits any person from placing or disposing of any covered electronic device in any solid waste disposal facility.

Covanta believes that the appropriate handling of electronic devices is a product stewardship issue. As such, those who make or who dispose of the product should play the primary role in managing this product as waste. Although that issue is addressed by the electronic device recycling program to be established by H.B. 2509, the bill's disposal ban at facilities like HPOWER does not promote product stewardship.

Covanta supports the creation of an electronic device recycling program pursuant to H.B. 2509, but respectfully requests that HPOWER be exempted from the provisions of this measure. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.