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WAL-MART STORES, INC.
STATE TESTIMONY

February 7, 2008

Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Business Concerns
House of Representatives

RE: Testimony Against HB 2784 (Relating To Shopping Carts)

Chair Yamashita and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against HB 2784 (Relating To Shopping Carts).

While we understand the seriousness of abandoned carts, Wal-Mart is opposed to this legislation. In this day and age when sustainability means everything from solar panels to reusable bags, isn't it worthwhile to continue reusing shopping carts rather than disposing of them in our county landfills? And, while the intent of the bill may be to startle some companies into action, the suggested pick up fees of \$50 per cart are excessive.

The HB 2784, would, in effect, fine shopkeepers for having had their property stolen from their premises. To punish the victim of a crime for being a victim seems plainly unfair and unjustified.

Our company spends hundreds of dollars per shopping cart for both our Wal-Mart Discount and Sam's Club shoppers across the islands. We value that investment and actively patrol our neighborhoods and communities throughout the state on a regular basis – weekly in some cases – to retrieve wayward carts. In addition, we take the additional step of cleaning up any carts we might come across from our competitors and neatly set them aside for pickup.

We value clean neighborhoods and feel this legislation will simply add costs to our business for something we already do. We urge you to vote against HB 2784.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

Sincerely,

Kevin Loscotoff
Senior Manager, Public Affairs

LATE TESTIMONY



Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair
Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns
State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HEARING Thursday, February 7, 2008
 9:00 am
 Conference Room 325

RE: HB2784, Relating to Shopping Carts

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a not-for-profit trade organization representing about 200 members and over 2,000 storefronts, and is committed to support the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii.

RMH opposes HB 2784; this measure penalizes retailers who in reality are the victims not the perpetrators of the thefts and/or abandonment of shopping carts

Retailers spend thousands of dollars each year, not only on the purchase, the replacement and the repair of shopping carts, but also on the increased employment costs to send crews to canvass their neighborhoods to retrieve carts that have been removed from their premises. To mitigate their losses, many retailers have invested in cart containment technology whereby the wheels lock once the cart reaches the perimeter of the area. Still shopping carts disappear.

In December 2007, the City & County of Honolulu passed Resolution 07-340, CD1, which requests that the City Administration, including the Corporation Counsel and the Honolulu Police Department, work with two representatives from retail and two from grocery stores to develop legislation and submit to the Council. Since the Honolulu City Council has taken steps to solve this county problem, we respectfully request that you hold HB2784.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Trujillo".

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I think the city should pick up all the carts as trash. Charging the store will only pass the charge onto the consumer. What does that do. The city could form a dept that goes thru town and picks them up. Maybe put sensors like Walgreens on all the carts so they don't leave the area. Also take the carts a way from the homeless.

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