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Testimony in Support of SB2571 H.D.1 with Amendments, Relating to Food Waste Recycling

Styrophobia LLC, the state's largest supplier of biodegradable and compostable disposable foodservice ware, supports this bill and recommends the following amendments:

Food scraps from schools are typically disposed of together with disposable foodservice ware. By requiring the pilot program to include biodegradable and compostable foodservice ware, including compostable plastic bags, will significantly reduce the labor of sorting, scraping plates, and the risk of non-biodegradable components, such as polystyrene, from contaminating the compostables.

Biodegradable and compostable plates, cups, utensils, school trays and compostable bags are all readily available in Hawaii and will significantly improve the efficiency of the pilot program.

These products are successfully being promoted and composted in San Francisco's (<http://SFEnvironment.org>) program - an excellent model for Hawaii in landfill diversion and efficiency.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony,

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