

**WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM THE
COUNTY OF KAUAI
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008**

February 21, 2008
9:30 a.m.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL NO. 2711, SD1, RELATING TO INTEGRATED
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.**

**TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:**

My name is Bryan J. Baptiste, Mayor, providing written comments in support of Senate Bill No. 2711, SD1.

The bill allows the distribution of excess moneys in the deposit beverage container deposit special fund to the counties to support recycling programs

This measure was part of the package submitted by the Council of Mayors. We understand that the special fund has over \$20 million accumulated because consumers and other purchasers have not claimed beverage container deposits. To the extent the funds are not statutorily earmarked for other purposes, they could be used by the counties to expand and improve recycling programs. I join my fellow mayors in supporting this measure.

We thank the Committee for the opportunity to present written comments on this matter.

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**S.B. 2711, S.D. 1, RELATING TO INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

**February 21, 2008
9:30AM**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health respectfully opposes this measure.

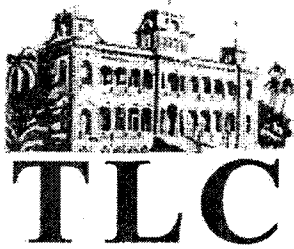
2 **Fiscal Implications:** Unquantified

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill would authorize the Department of Health (DOH) to distribute
4 excess monies in the deposit beverage container (DBC) special fund, as determined by the Legislative
5 Auditor, to the counties to support the establishment and maintenance of county-run recycling programs.

6 As we have the fiduciary responsibility for the fund, DOH should determine how much is needed
7 for operations and reserves, instead of the Legislative Auditor. We also recommend that the
8 administration of the fund remain in a single agency, instead of being shared by both DOH and the
9 auditor, for clarity of responsibility and simplicity of operations. We are accountable; our fund's books
10 remain available to the auditor, as they have been in the past, and we report annually to the legislature.
11 Our annual report is online. <http://gen.doh.hawaii.gov/sites/LegRpt/2008/default.aspx>.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, Legislative Liaison
Anheuser Busch Companies

Subject: S.B. 2711, SD 1 - RELATING TO INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Legislative Liaison for Anheuser Busch Companies and we support the intent of this bill however, we believe it needs more direction.

First, the bill talks about excess money in the beverage container deposit special fund. In our opinion, if there are excess monies, then the legislature should strongly consider the repeal or at least the temporary suspension of the one cent deposit beverage container fee that everyone pays. Everyone also pays the additional nickel however, as long as you participate in the recycling program you get your nickel back; you do not get your penny back...EVER!

When the program was first launched, we noted that we thought that there would be extra money in this fund due to unredeemed deposits and it would seem to us that the individuals who are

taking advantage of this program should be rewarded over those who are not. The reason for the extra money, of course, is from the 30% of the people who do not participate in the program. There is no reason in our mind why that 30% should not go towards administration of the program and other costs that are currently being covered by the deposit beverage container fee.

Secondly, while we have no problem in seeing some of the funds put to use by the counties, we believe there should be a very tight restriction that it is not for their use on just any recycling program, but on bottle bill container programs. We think it is inherently unfair to ask consumers of this state to have their unredeemed nickels from beverages go towards tire recycling, computer electronic recycling or any other type of recycling program except for that which it was paid.

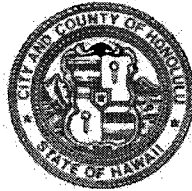
Based on the above, we support this bill, but only if you can amend it to repeal or "suspend the penny" and, secondly, to tightly restrict the money provided to the counties by insisting that they spend that money on the establishment and maintenance of bottle bill recycling programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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RE: S.B. NO. 2711, SD1
RELATING TO INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Dear Senator Baker:

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services strongly supports S.B. No. 2711, which would distribute excess moneys in the deposit beverage recycling special fund to the counties to further support the establishment and maintenance of recycling programs on all the islands.

This bill was submitted to the Legislature as part of the Hawaii Council of Mayors' legislative package, and has the support of all the counties. Hawaii's counties are facing serious challenges to manage solid waste and reduce waste to landfills. Alternative solutions, including increasing material recycling require significant resources to develop. All of the counties need to make recycling easier and more accessible to the public, and limited funds are hampering our efforts to be more aggressive.

There is currently an excess of approximately \$20 million in the State deposit beverage container deposit special fund, which is the result of unclaimed and unutilized deposits that have accumulated since the beginning of the program in January 2005. The counties could employ these funds to further recycling efforts with numerous programs that would complement the State's HI-5 program, including promoting the use of community recycling bins, implementing curbside collection programs, providing assistance to multi-family complexes, providing assistance to businesses and establishing public recycling receptacles.

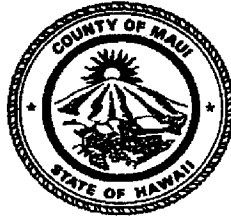
We recommend that the effective date from the original draft be restored to allow this act to take effect upon its approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric S. Takamura".

Eric S. Takamura, Ph.D., P.E.
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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways
and Means

**RE: SB 2711, S.D. 1-RELATING TO INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT; Hearing: Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.**

Dear Chair Baker and Members:

I am Cheryl K. Okuma, Director of the Department of Environmental Management, County of Maui, and am submitting testimony in support of SB 2711, S.D. 1. This legislation would allow the State Department of Health to distribute excess money from the deposit beverage container special fund to the counties for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the counties' recycling programs.

Supporting our recycling efforts in this manner would divert waste from our waste stream and extend the capacity of our landfills. SB 2711, S.D.1 will support our efforts to promote, maintain and expand our recycling programs within our County. For example, the return of excess deposit beverage container funds would allow the County of Maui to expand the capacity of our recycling/redemption centers, lease or purchase land in order to increase the number recycling/redemption centers and make them more available to the community, and purchase recycling containers for distribution within the County. These funds could also be used to implement educational programs that would promote recycling efforts in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments and your favorable consideration of SB 2711, S.D.1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl K. Okuma".

Cheryl K. Okuma

Director, Department of Environmental Management