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TO: Representative Hermina M. Morita, Chair
Representative Mele Carroll, Vice-Chair
Hawaii Energy and Environmental Protection Committee

FROM: Marcy Eastham, Hewlett Packard Company

DATE: March 10, 2008

SUBJECT: **Support with amendments of SB 2843, Relating to electronic device recycling**

Senate Bill No: 2843 "An Act Relating to Electronic Device Recycling"

Dear Representative Morita:

Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions on the language of the electronic device recycling bill (SB 2843) now before the committee. HP is a strong partner in supporting an electronics recycling solution for Hawaii and is very pleased to be in favor of HB 2509. Though similar, SB 2843 and HB 2509 are different enough that HP is not able to support SB 2843 without amendments. The area of most concern to HP is the definition of "covered entities."

Non-household consumers usually have additional complications in the level or type of service required. Some of those complications include: requesting on site pick up, special data security processes for the products and service, product reuse or refurbishment requests, larger items such as copiers, etc along with the devices covered by these bills. These additional issues increase the cost and complexity of collection and recycling. To provide these services, HP and other IT companies have developed programs that allow for non-household entities to select the level of service and convenience requested. The services provided for recycling are a cost of doing business for the

non-household entity and are readily available through their procurement policies.

In addition to these complications, there exist different regulations for handling the products from large businesses. Requiring that the services be offered for free will interfere with the ability for sellers and purchasers to negotiate for these important services. It is the under-served household consumers that the bills should address.

HP suggests the "covered entities" language in SB 2843 be amended to mirror the language in HB 2509. This will provide the right level of environmental protection to the citizens of Hawaii while keeping costs to a minimum.

HP looks forward to continuing working with the committee and other stakeholders to develop a convenient and environmentally sound solution for recycling electronics to the residents of Hawaii.



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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

S.B. 2843, S.D. 2, Relating to Electronic Device Recycling

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

**March 11, 2008
9:00 am**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department has concerns regarding SB 2843, SD2 and prefers a
2 program that is privately run.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** First year of program would require startup costs to come from the Environmental
4 Management Fund. Unspecified amount and use of this fund will jeopardize the regulatory functions of
5 the department's solid waste program.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** SB 2843, SD2 establishes a state program for collection, recycling,
7 enforcement and monitoring of covered electronic devices.

8 The Department concurs with reducing the pollution due to electronic devices and believes that
9 product stewardship and manufacturer responsibility is a proactive approach in handling our waste
10 electronic devices. It is especially encouraging to have manufacturers and retailers supportive of this
11 concept. The department appreciates the intended self-sufficiency of the proposed program and its
12 positive environmental impact. However, we have serious concerns about funding and prefer a program
13 that is privately run and does not require the establishment of a new state program.

14 In light of the need for additional personnel and continued funding required to implement the
15 proposed program, and the current demands on and risks to the Environmental Management Special

1 Fund, the department requests that any provision of resources not adversely affect the priorities in our
2 executive supplemental budget request.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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