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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS &  
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**H.B. 1272, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING**

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9:30 am**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) does not support this measure as written.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure makes clarifying amendments to the electronic waste  
4 recycling act. The bill deletes a comma in the definition of "covered electronic device" to clarify that  
5 the minimum screen size applies to a portable computer device. It also deletes an exemption for  
6 manufacturers of specialized computers located in Hawaii.

7 The Governor vetoed measure SB2843 SD2 HD3 CD1, and her veto message, number 889,  
8 dated July 8, 2008, objected because of an exemption for manufacturers located in Hawaii that appears  
9 unconstitutional and vague. Additionally, the measure established numerous requirements on  
10 manufacturers and retailers that will increase the cost of doing business in Hawaii. The administration  
11 believes the development of this State-run program is unnecessary as many manufacturers and industry  
12 associations provide extensive information on their websites about where and how to recycle their  
13 electronic products.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.