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Comments:

I am in support of recycling Televisions. I am in support of recycling any electronic waste in Hawaii. Although the bill calls for 2011 enforcement of TV manufacturers, I am curious of how the existing e-waste from today until 2011 enforcement will be handled. Currently it is very inconvenient for a resident or a business to dispose of a TV, computer monitor, other electronic waste. It is important it is properly recycled (there is glass, plastic, metal worth saving) either on-island, or on mainland USA, or abroad.

Also important to note is the immediacy of this issue since most people are upgrading from a big and heavy CRT monitor/TV to flat screen. By 2011, most monitor/TVs will be flat screen and thus less of a problem than the existing CRT monitor/TV problem. I hope we can solve this larger/heavier issue, esp. given the stress on our existing landfill.

I am an avid runner and I often see large TV monitors or computer monitors thrown out onto the curb. I often wonder where they go. Do you?

Last of all, there are stockpiles of old TV and computer monitors in large businesses in Hawaii that upgraded to flat screen. They are being held until there is a solution to this problem. I noticed them at Hawaiian Airlines and Hawaiian Telcom. We must act soon to properly dispose of them.

Currently it costs money for businesses or residents to dispose of their large TV/monitors. We need to charge the manufacturers and retailers upfront before it is sold to pay for this disposal fee, much like the bottle bill.

Aloha and Mahalo