

HB 2427

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H.B. 2427 HD1, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
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February 25, 2010
2:45 p.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this bill with an amendment.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** Cost savings for the counties of between \$100,000 to \$200,000 per county for
- 3 each plan revision.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill proposes to amend the frequency in which counties are required to
- 5 amend their Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) plans from five to ten years.
- 6 The counties are currently required to revise their ISWM plans every five years. The revision
- 7 process is costly in both its development and implementation. Consultants are usually hired to conduct
- 8 the planning process and to draft the plan document with contracts costing in the hundreds of thousands
- 9 of dollars. Evaluation and plan formulation takes one to two years to complete because of the
- 10 complexity and political nature of waste management systems. The revised plans usually contain
- 11 significant Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) which in and of themselves require years of planning
- 12 before actual implementation.

1 Because of this, we believe that extending the required revision period to ten years is reasonable
2 with the added requirement of an interim status report on plan implementation made to the DOH at the
3 5-year point.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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February 23, 2010

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Energy and Environment
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation,
International and Intergovernmental Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair English, and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2427, HD1, Relating to Solid Waste Management

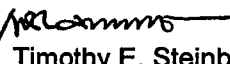
The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services supports House Bill (HB) 2427, HD1, relating to solid waste management. The HD1 is an improvement on the original bill in clarity and intent.

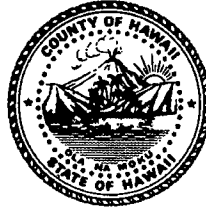
HB 2427, HD1, would change the frequency of submittal of solid waste plans from once every five years to once every ten years. A ten-year interval between reports gives a longer period for predicting and analyzing solid waste trends, which would help provide more accurate planning.

In practice, the current five-year interval is too short. With the use of a solid waste advisory committee, the need to analyze at minimum a complete year's data, and the time to write the report, the time needed from start to completion can be well over two years, resulting in counties continuously working on plan updates.

We recommend approval of HB 2427, HD1, which will provide a more appropriate interval for submission of solid waste plans.

Sincerely,


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February 22, 2010

The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
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HEARING DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2010
HEARING TIME: 2:45 p.m.
HEARING LOCATION: Conference Room 325

Re: Support Senate Bill 2427

Dear Senators Gabbard and English and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 2427 (HB 2427).

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management is pleased to testify in support of this bill.

Best Regards and Aloha,

Lono Tyson
DIRECTOR

cc: Mayor William Keno