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TESTIMONY BY GEORGINA K. KAWAMURA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2081, S.D. 1

February 22, 2010

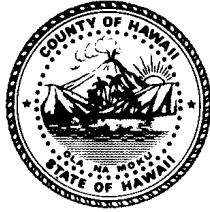
RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL

Senate Bill No. 2081, S.D. 1, increases fines for littering and requires fines to be deposited into the county general fund for the county that issued the fine, or if the fine is issued by the State, into a special account in the State general fund for use by the State law enforcement agency that issued the littering citation.

As a matter of general policy, this department does not support the creation of any special account within the general fund of the State for specific purposes. General fund program requirements should be reviewed on a statewide basis and allocated to programs based on statewide priorities within available resources.

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February 19, 2010

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

HEARING DATE: Monday, February 22, 2010

HEARING TIME: 10:10 a.m.

HEARING LOCATION: Conference Room 211

Re: Support Senate Bill 2081

Dear Senators Mercado Kim and Tsutsui and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 2081.

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management is pleased to testify in support of SB2081. Littering continues to be a plague on this island and has historically remained an ongoing problem statewide. Our department believes that the proposed amendments bring the State law penalties into congruence with County of Hawai'i ordinances prohibiting littering.

Our Department would recommend, however, that in the interest of administrative efficiency, the fines be paid directly to the Director of Finance of the County whose enforcement efforts have resulted in the fines, for the uses stated. Receiving these funds into our County General Fund will assist us to more readily pursue violators and lessen this vast problem.

Best Regards and Aloha,

Lono Tyson
DIRECTOR

cc: Mayor William Kenoi