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Support for SB 698 Relating to Roadway Materials

I am an advocate for the increased recycling of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) and as such support SB 698.

Currently, HRS 103D-407 requires State highway officials to purchase roadway materials with minimum recycled glass content of 10% for base course and 100% for nonstructural capital improvement applications. This requirement (sometimes referred to as the "glassphalt mandate") has the following negative impacts:

1. It impairs the paving industry's ability to recycle asphalt pavements.
2. It reduces the quality of roads in Hawaii.

The proposed bill **SB 698** would end the *requirement* that State agencies must use recycled glass in roadway materials, but would still *allow* State agencies to use recycled glass if desired.

Times have changed and the uses of recycled glass have increased along with the growth of the remanufactured glass business. It is no longer necessary to use recycled glass for the manufacture of asphalt as a means of disposing of the discarded glass. The Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Program was launched in January 2005, making the recycling of glass containers much more attractive to individuals and business. Today there are many uses for this reclaimed glass and much of the recycled glass may be shipped to the mainland for remanufacture into new glass products.

In summary, **SB 698** will allow for better quality roads and enable more cost-effective recycling of asphalt pavements. I strongly support this bill.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 478-8204 if there are any questions regarding this submittal.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elisabeth R. Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elisabeth R. Wilson
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