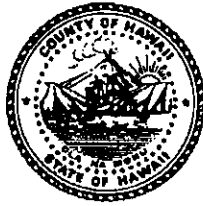


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March 19, 2012

The Honorable Denny Coffman, Chair  
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

HEARING DATE: Thursday, March 22, 2012

HEARING TIME: 9:00 a.m.

HEARING LOCATION: House Conference Room 325

**Re: Testimony on House Concurrent Resolution (HRC) 98, Requesting the State Office of Solid Waste Management to Develop a Plan of Initiatives for Improved Reuse and Recycling of Green Waste by Working with the Counties to Address Each County's Unique Needs According to Their Geography, Population, and Unique Industry Make-up.**

Dear Representative Coffman and Committee Members,

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management is pleased to testify in support of House Resolution (HCR) 98.

The County of Hawai'i conducted a Waste Composition Study and determined that over 50% of the solid waste entering its two (2) sanitary landfills was green waste and organic materials.

The County of Hawai'i has had a very successful green waste diversion program that has island-wide participation from businesses and residents. In the past five (5) years we have diverted over 200,000 tons. We want to continue to build on this success and increase the types of organic materials that can be recycled into value-added products.

We look forward to the opportunity of participating in State's development of initiatives to improve reuse and recycling of green waste and other organics.

Best Regards,

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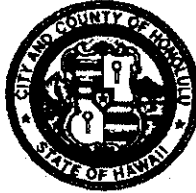
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cc: Mayor William Kenoi

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March 21, 2012

The Honorable Denny Coffman, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Energy  
& Environmental Protection  
State House  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Coffman and Members:

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution No. 98, Requesting the State Office of Solid Waste Management to Develop a Plan of Initiatives for Improved Reuse and Recycling of Green Waste by Working With the Counties to Address Each County's Unique Needs According to Their Geography, Population, and Unique Industry Make-up

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services strongly supports reuse and recycling of green waste, but opposes House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) No. 98, Requesting the State Office of Solid Waste Management to Develop a Plan of Initiatives for Improved Reuse and Recycling of Green Waste by Working With the Counties to Address Each County's Unique Needs According to Their Geography, Population, and Unique Industry Make-up.

HCR 98 appears to favor a specific solution to reuse and recycling of green waste involving turn green waste into energy. While this is one approach to the reuse and recycling of green waste, it is not the only approach. The City and County of Honolulu has a mature and successful green waste recycling program focusing on compost products and on the reuse of those products. We have committed to a 10-year contract to continue that direction.

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Development of Solid Waste Master Plans, which include green waste, is a responsibility of the counties who are required to submit such plans to the Department of Health. There is more than sufficient opportunity within that framework to address the reuse and recycling of green waste while not infringing on the counties' ability to address the issues independently.

We urge the committee not to pass HCR 98 and to leave the determination of appropriate approaches to green waste reuse and recycling to the counties.

Sincerely,



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Director