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S.B. 1425, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health respectfully opposes this measure.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** There may be significant fiscal implications for the counties.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure prohibits landfills in counties with populations greater than
- 4 500,000 from accepting municipal solid waste beginning July 1, 2012; and prohibits landfill in counties
- 5 with populations less than 500,000 from accepting municipal solid waste after a date determined by
- 6 county council resolution.

7 The Department opposes this measure because we believe that this is a case of home rule. In

8 general, the counties are responsible for the collection, management, treatment and/or disposal of solid

9 waste. As such, the counties, in evaluating available solid waste management options, should be given

10 the opportunity to evaluate all possibilities, so that they can select the most appropriate action for their

11 county.

12 The Department's priority is to ensure the protection of public health. The proper management,

13 treatment and/or disposal of solid waste are vital to ensuring the protection of public health. In the case

1 of the City and County of Honolulu, they have taken strides to increase recycling and divert waste from
2 the county landfill, with the expansion of the curbside recycling program and construction H-power's
3 third boiler. But with expanded programs and facilities, there may still be times when H-power may not
4 be able to accommodate all of the waste stream due to equipment maintenance and/or break-downs.

5 While we agree that waste should be diverted from the landfills as much as possible, limiting the landfill
6 to only special waste and waste natural disasters is too narrow and may compromise public health.

7 In addition, this measure will also prohibit Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii, from disposing
8 of their waste in their own landfill and if this measure should pass, they may turn to the City and County
9 of Honolulu's system for the management of their waste.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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