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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

S.B. 2822, S.D. 2, RELATING TO RECYCLING

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

**March 15, 2012
9:00 am**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Unquantified cost of operating the task force.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** Recycling has come a long way in Hawaii. The state, counties and private
4 industry have worked hard over the past 20 years to put various recycling programs in place. Systems
5 have evolved over the years and existing recycling programs cover many materials.

6 The department recognizes that more work remains. The increased pace of development in
7 consumer products has resulted in very short life-spans of many electric products which, in turn, results
8 in large amounts of waste.

9 Past efforts in addressing this portion of our waste stream have resulted in the current computer
10 and television recycling program. However, two years of experience has shown the program to be
11 ineffective in providing a convenient program for Hawaii consumers. The department hoped to enhance
12 existing recycling efforts with its initial proposal of a comprehensive electric device recycling program.

13 We understand that an undertaking of this magnitude needs input from the many stakeholders
14 involved. We look forward to having constructive conversations in developing an electric device

1 recycling program that will be effective and convenient.

2 Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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**To: Rep. Denny Coffman, Chair
Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy & Environment**



**From: Terry G. Telfer, President
Reynolds Recycling**

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 325

Re: Testimony in support of SB2822, SD2, Relating to Recycling

Reynolds Recycling is Hawaii's largest redemption center operator, and we support this bill to create a task force to make recommendations about a workable e-waste recycling program.

We think this task force will be a great first step to bringing all involved parties together to make concentrated efforts to work out what "Can be done" to effectively deal with the various aspects of electronic device recycling. As we have the largest network of redemption centers, we would like to offer our assistance with this task force as well.

As a leader in Hawaii's recycling industry, Reynolds Recycling remains committed to protecting Hawaii's future by recycling today, and in the future. We fully support SB2822, SD2

Thank you.



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March 14, 2012

Submitted Via website

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Chair, Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 314
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Re: S.B. 2822 SD2 Relating to the Establishment of an Electric Device Recycling Task Force

Dear Chair Coffman and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection:

On behalf of the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA)[®], I am writing to provide **comments in support with amendments** for S.B. 2822 SD2, which proposes to establish a new Hawaii Electric Device Recycling Task Force ("Task Force").

CEA represents more than 2,000 companies involved in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and integration of audio, video, in-vehicle electronics, wireless and landline communications, information technology, home networking, multimedia and accessory products, as well as related services that are sold through consumer channels.

CEA supports S.B. 2822 SD2 and the establishment of the Hawaii Electric Device Recycling Task Force to make recommendations for a workable recycling program for electric devices in Hawaii, keeping in mind the conditions and needs of the various islands. CEA is honored to be named as a member of the Task Force and looks forward to working with state officials and other stakeholders to explore alternatives to improve upon the current program for recycling consumer electronics in Hawaii.

CEA would **recommend the following amendment** be added to Section 2(b) improve the current language of S.B. 2822 SD2:

"Up to four representatives of manufacturers of consumer electronics that currently participate in the existing electronics recycling program under Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 339D."

Consumer electronics manufacturers – including TV, computer and manufacturers of other electronics equipment – would lend valuable expertise based on their experience with the current Hawaii e-waste program as well as programs in other U.S. states and Canadian provinces.



Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on S.B. 2822 SD2. If you would like to discuss our recommendations further please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 907-7765 or walcorn@ce.org, or Allison Schumacher at 703-907-7631 or aschumacher@ce.org.

Sincerely,
THE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Alcorn", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Walter Alcorn
Vice President, Environmental Affairs and Industry Sustainability



Representative Denny Coffman, Chair
Representative Derek Kawakami, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HEARING Thursday, March 15, 2012
 9:00 am
 Conference Room 325

RE **SB2822, SD2 Relating to Recycling**

Chair Coffman, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee:

Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a not-for-profit trade organization representing 200 members and over 2,000 storefronts, and is committed to support the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, employing 25% of the labor force.

RMH supports SB2822, SD2, which creates the Hawaii electric device recycling task force which dissolves on 06/30/2013.

We most assuredly recognize that Hawaii, as an island state, must approach solid waste management in a manner unlike just about anywhere else on the globe.

The task force is charged with making make recommendations for a workable electric device recycling program for the state. This is a rare opportunity for stakeholders to study options and best practices so as to develop a plan that will be effective and manageable, and secure the best outcomes to suit the unique needs of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Electronic Device Recycling Program (Chapter 339D, HRS, Electronic Waste and Television Recycling and Recovery Act), modeled after the Producer Responsibility approach which is in place in 24 of the 25 states with existing e-waste laws, has been in place here for just two years. The time, energy, industry and government investment in this effort should not be discounted and could be a component of a more comprehensive approach.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to comment on this measure. We look forward to continuing the dialogue.

Carol Pregill, President

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March 13, 2012

TO: Members of the House Energy & Environmental Protection Committee

RE: HAWAII SENATE BILL 2822, SD 2: HAWAII ELECTRIC DEVICE RECYCLING TASK FORCE REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS

The Technology Association of America (TechAmerica) and TechNet appreciates the recent amendments made to Senate Bill 2822, which now creates a Hawaii electric device recycling task force which will be charged with making recommendations for a workable recycling program for electric devices in Hawaii.

Combined, TechAmerica and TechNet represent over 1,000 member companies who span the entire spectrum of technology from software to semiconductors and from start-up to multi-national. Our technology companies serve as drivers of economic growth and job creation.

Given the significant responsibilities that the original version of SB 2822 would have created for manufacturers of both consumer and industrial technology products, we believe that a sufficient level of manufacturer representation on the proposed Task Force will be essential if the Task Force is to successfully recommend a "workable recycling program for electric devices." This is especially true given the extensive experience these companies have in complying with different types of electronic recycling programs around the country, as well as internationally. However, we are concerned that technology manufacturers are currently underrepresented on the proposed Task Force.

Thus, we request the following amendment be added as a new subsection in SECTION 2(b):

"Up to two representatives of consumer or industrial technology manufacturers that have experience with recycling programs for electric devices, to be designated by the department of health;"

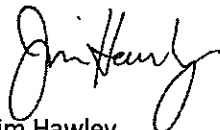
We believe the above amendment will help ensure that the Task Force can benefit from the perspectives of all relevant stakeholders as it considers various recycling models.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 443-9088 or robert.callahan@techamerica.org.

Sincerely,



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From : Curtis J. Kropar, Executive Director - Hawaiian Hope
Date : March 14th, 2012
Re : SB2822 SD2 : Recycling Task Force

Hawaiian Hope Supports SB2822 SD2 in creating the “Hawaii electric device recycling task force”, **And would like to serve as part of that task force.**

Hawaiian Hope is a technology based non profit organization. Hawaiian hope has 7 distinct projects in our portfolio with each of these projects designed to build on the strengths of technology and to promote a community familiar with technology while focusing on low income households.

One of our primary projects that forms the core to our success is our computer refurbishing and recycling project. **To date we have received as donations well in excess of 30,000 individual items. Each of these items has been kept out of the landfills directly because of our organization.** In addition, we have refurbished and redistributed as donations nearly 900 full computer systems to other non profit orgs, homeless persons, homeless shelters, schools, clean and sober houses, prisoner re-entry programs and low income families. Our capacity is only limited by our physical space as we have roughly 40 active volunteers, in addition to over 100 previous volunteers on our books and a current inventory of over 400 computers in stock.

We anticipate the ability to receive and refurbish over 5,000 computers per year through our network of new locations.

Because of our current recycling – refurbishing and reuse program – we fully support the creation of a task force and would like to serve on this task force to make certain the reuse of items is properly addressed and considered.

Thank you !

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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