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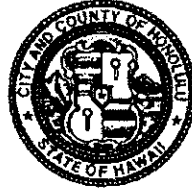
SB3006

HTH Committee Hearing 2/08/2012

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February 6, 2012

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Health
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Energy and Environment
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Green, Chair Gabbard, and Members:

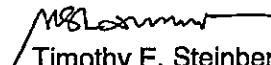
Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 3006, Relating to Motor Vehicle Tires

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services supports SB 3006, Relating to Motor Vehicle Tires.

SB 3006 would reinstate the \$1.00 motor vehicle surcharge to assist the Department of Health in enforcement and management of used tires. Under existing law, tire dealers are required to take back and recycle used tires, but disposal of used tires is not always done properly. We continue to see piles of illegally dumped tires around the island and community groups and city crews spend many hours clearing these dumps and expend thousands of dollars each year on the related recycling fees.

The \$1.00 per tire surcharge could provide a fund for cleanup and recycling fees and support the Department of Health in its efforts to prevent dumping and enforce proper handling of used tires by all affected by the law.

Sincerely,


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Director

Testimony for HTH/ENE 2/8/2012 3:10:00 PM SB3006

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Testifier position: Comments Only

Testifier will be present: No

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Comments:

If the State Department of Health receives these moneys. It seems proper that they explain how they will use these moneys. They should also report to the legislature each year what was accomplished. If the legislature finds the results insufficient, then the legislature can stop the program.