

**SB 725**

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### S.B. 725, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE

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

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Maintain solid waste program funding

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to clarify that the solid waste management  
4 surcharge shall also apply to waste-to-energy facilities and facilities that prepare waste for final  
5 disposition outside the state of Hawaii.

6 The department supports the changes proposed by this bill because they will help us address the  
7 changing waste management field. The solid waste management surcharge is the main funding source  
8 for the department's solid waste regulatory program. The current surcharge is 35 cents per ton and is  
9 applied to landfills and incinerators, including H-Power.

10 The department is aware of waste-to-energy facilities that are proposing the use of new  
11 technologies that the current solid waste management surcharge would not apply to. The past year has  
12 also seen attempts to ship waste out of the state for disposal. Solid waste program funding is already  
13 below sustainable levels. Allowing the changes proposed in this bill would help the solid waste  
14 program to maintain current funding levels.

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