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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

H.B. 2509 H.D. 1, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES
WITH THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES

Testimony of Gary Gill
Deputy Director, Environmental Health Administration

February 20, 2014
1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The department supports this bill provided that its passage does not
2 replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds to administer contracts to
4 remove abandoned tires from the landscape.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Abandoned tire dumping is a recurring concern especially for those
6 communities that are impacted by this issue. Disposal fees for abandoned tires are cost-prohibitive and
7 strain the ability of community groups to control dumping in their neighborhoods. We understand that
8 disposal costs range from as low as \$1.80 per passenger or light-truck tire, up to \$638 for the biggest
9 off-road, oversize tire.

10 This measure will also enable the department to provide direct financial assistance to the
11 counties to address tire dumping in their affected areas. We estimate a cost of \$50,000 to remove
12 10,000 tires, or \$100,000 to remove 20,000 tires.

1 This measure alone will not prevent current improper tire disposal practices, but coupled with
2 monitoring and enforcement from the department, it may help affected communities to alleviate the
3 situation.

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

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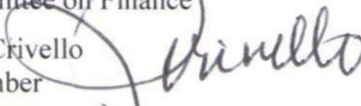


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February 19, 2014

TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Council Member 

DATE: February 20, 2014

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2509 H.D. 1 RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION
TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES WITH THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE
TIRES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to assist communities affected by discarded or abandoned tires by providing funds for programs promoting the removal of abandoned tires that have been illegally dumped from the landscape, including funding county abandoned tire removal programs.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. According to the Department of Health's Abandoned Tire Task Force draft report, approximately 1 million abandoned tires have been removed since 1999 from over 30 sites statewide that the department is tracking.
2. In addition, outside of the Department of Health's purview, it is estimated that various county agencies statewide also remove another 4,000 tires annually at an approximate cost of \$48,000.
3. In areas like Maui County which encompasses three islands with shipping and transportation challenges, the cost of removing and disposing of tires is substantially higher than the rest of the state.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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HB2509

Submitted on: 2/18/2014

Testimony for FIN on Feb 20, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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From: Vilot Rose <vilotrose7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 8:07 AM
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Aloha, Chair and members of Finance Committee

I am in full support of HB2509HD1. Waianae community is among those who get most of the illegal dumping. Please move it forward, it will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely
Maimun Yusuf

FIN-Jo

From: Bruce Gustafson <bruceandlexy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 8:22 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: HB2509 HD1

Chairman and members of the finance committee.

Please support HB2509HD1 to provide funds to **help** clean up illegal discarded tires.

The bill allows augmented funding for paid commercial pickup and delivery to a proper disposal site. **Volunteers** gather the discarded tires from ditches, fields and roadside and need help with the pickup of their work. **Our community and nation needs and uses volunteers effectively. Your help in passing this bill allows the volunteer system to work.**

Sincerely, Bruce L. Gustafson, Waianae resident. 84-965 Farrington Hwy, 96792

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Sophie Flores	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: February 18, 2014 Mikilua Valley Community Association Testimony - HB2509 HD1 - House Finance (FIN) Committee at 130p THU FEB 20 in Conference Room 308 at the Hawaii State Capitol. Our community is in full support of this bill. We need help with the on-going dumping of motor vehicle tires on our streets. Paakea is a well known dumping ground because it is a rural road with no street lights, but dumping occurs even during the daylight hours. Some good Samaritans have been helping with removing these tires but still dumping occurs and this task is becoming an on-going one. Other streets in our community are also dumping grounds for abandoned tires. This bill asking for appropriations for programs promoting the removal of abandoned tires is needed in our community - as soon as possible. Abandoned tires attract others to do the same and we end up with a mountain of tires in all shapes and sizes. A few years ago our community organized a clean-up of streambeds where we collected over 800 abandoned tires. Fortunately, we had non-profit agency help in disposing of these tires in a legal manner. Please help us in dealing with this problem. Not only is it an ugly nuisance - it is a health hazard as well. During the rainy season (now) mosquitos thrive in these tires. During summer months people burn these tires. They have to be collected and disposed of properly. I urge you all to vote to support this bill. Sincerely, Sophie Flores - MVCA

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LATE TESTIMONY

Alice Greenwood – Director of Concerned Elders [Kupuna] of Wai`anae

SUPPORT for HB2509, HD1 (HSCR223-14 – Making an Appropriation to assist Communities with the REMOVAL of MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Luke, Sylvia and Committee members:

Aloha my name is Alice Greenwood:

I have been a member-secretary for Nani `o Wai`anae which is an affiliate of “Keep America Beautiful”.

We have had Tire round-up, nearly 20 years, here is a recent example:

February 27, 2011 from 8 to 5 p.m. Kaukamana Road in Ma`ili, signs announcing the round-up were up for 2 weeks.

1. Habitat for Humanity property – illegal dumping
2. Mai`palo`a Stream – illegal dumping

Community partnership between the community residence and military was outstanding.

1. \$15,00.00 was spent for gasoline, trucks usage, Unitek will not take tires with rims. [community volunteers took the rims off]
2. There were 30 tons of tires, [13 loads that took 4 days for disposal/clearance].

Minutes of Monday, May 7, 2012:

1. Puuhulu Road/Puhawaii Stream community
118 tires stored until, funding's were found: cost \$266.00
2. Mikilua valley [Pa`akea Road] community:
900 tires stored until, funding's were found: cost \$1,328.79

There was no payment for the storage [community blessings]

Tires also attracts all kinds of rodents and insects which harbor gastrointestinal parasites, yellow fever, worms, the plague and mosquitoes that can multiply 100 times faster than normal in stagnant water. Sever illnesses like encephalitis have been attributed to disease-carrying mosquitoes.

In addition, property has been damaged because of illegal dumps that have caught fire, frequently by arson. Illegal dumping can impact proper drainage making areas more susceptible to flooding's: it blocks stream, culverts and drainage basins, an example(from our two (2) Kupuna who lived at Puhawaii Road since childhood all most drowned). Runoff's can contaminate wells and surface water used as sources for drinking water, which can cause various other diseases including cancers.

Our source of funding's come from grants and donations; majority is out of pocket for supplies and refreshments.

We also need to get away from calling it "Litter" the right trim is "illegal dumping" "which is also known as "fly-tipping" "fly dumping" "wildcat dumping" "midnight dumping" or "open dumping" no matter what it is called it is a major problem in many communities. It raises many significant concerns regarding the health and safety, property values and the quality of life.

Mahalo for letting me testify in our community support of HB2509, HD1 (HSCR 223-14)

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alvi Greenwood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully".