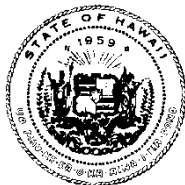


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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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In consideration of
House Bill No. 562
Relating to Solid Waste

Honorable Chair and Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) No. 562, relating to solid waste.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the enactment of this measure, which allows the HPHA to contract with private businesses to divert food and green waste from public housing projects, with amendments. This measure would further require the HPHA to submit a report to the legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014 regarding its progress on such contracts.

Currently, Chapter 356D-10 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), allows the HPHA to contract out to corporations that can provide the agency with services such as food waste and green waste recycling.

However, in working with the introducer of the bill, the HPHA respectfully requests that Section 2 of the bill (Subsection (a) 3) be amended as follows:

“(3) Make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers [;], **which may include contracts with private businesses to remove “food waste” and “green waste”, as those terms are defined in section 342G-1, from public housing projects;** and

The HPHA also respectfully requests that Section 3 of the bill be removed from the measure entirely.

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The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection with the agency's position regarding H.B. No. 562. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.