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File:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
H.C.R. 205, HD1, REQUESTING A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH SANITATION BRANCH

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Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health welcomes an audit of the Sanitation Branch, as
2 called for in this resolution.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** While no DOH funds would be expended, supporting and responding to the
4 auditor will take away staff time and effort from other mandated activities.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine the effectiveness and
6 efficiency of the Sanitation Branch's operations. This audit will provide additional information to allow
7 the department to even better fulfill the goals and objectives detailed in the Department's Strategic Plan,
8 FY2011-2014. The legislature has received copies of the Department of Health's Strategic Plan,
9 "Foundations for Healthy Generations" and the 2011 DOH annual Report. The 2012 DOH annual report
10 will be distributed soon. In addition, all members recently received a copy of the Highlights - 2012
11 Environmental Health Management Report that outlines our many functions and activities with
12 important indicator charts and data. The complete 2012 Environmental Health Management Report can
13 be found in its entirety at: www.hawaii.gov/health.epo

1 An excerpt of our sanitation branch annual “Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Report”
 2 illustrating our responsiveness to the public and effectiveness in assuring compliance with our
 3 environmental protection laws is included below.

DRAFT Enforcement report for CY12	<i>Inquiries & Complaints</i>	<i>Field Inspections</i>	<i>Warning Notices</i>	Field Citations	Enforcement Cases Issued	Penalties Sought	Formal Cases Resolved	Number of Active S.E.P.s	Funds Outstanding	Funds Received
	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Informal</i>	In Calendar Year 2012	In Calendar Year 2012	In Calendar Year 2012	In Calendar Year 2012	Running Total (data from most recent quarter)	Running Total (data from most recent quarter)	In Calendar Year 2012
Sanitation Branch										
Food & Drug Branch	5	1,092	0	193	0	\$5,000,000	1	0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sanitation Branch	1,124	7,734	3	9,283	1	\$90,000	0	0	\$90,000	\$0
Vector Control	557	42	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0	\$0
SANITATION BRANCH TOTAL	1,686	8,868	3	9,476	1	\$5,090,000	1	0	\$1,090,000	\$1,000,000

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 5 The Sanitation Branch also provides an annual report to the legislature regarding the status of the
 6 sanitation and environmental health special fund; which includes an expenditure report and details on its
 7 usage.

8 We favor government transparency, effectiveness and efficiency. We welcome the opportunity
 9 to inform the members of the legislature, policy makers and the public on the many things we do to
 10 protect public health and the environment in Hawaii.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.