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Dear Senate and to all others this may concern,

This is a testimony from Roy Kadota and Keith Fukunaga on behalf of Mr. K's Recycle & Redemption Center, Inc. out of Hilo, Hawaii.

We are the only private recyclers of ewaste on the Big Island. We accept ewaste ~~to~~ 7 days a week 8 hours a day.

We heard the House Bill was watered down in the sense of limiting the types of electronics that would be acceptable under this bill. We would like to instill our opinions to make sure the same does not happen to the Senate Bill.

In Hawaii, our space is limited. The more we can recycle, the less space utilized, and less contamination in our land and ocean. It is Hawaii's culture to depend on the land and ocean for our livelihood. We should be trying to divert everything we can from the landfills, especially electronic waste because it can cause contamination to our land and ocean from lead, mercury, battery acid, plastics, etc. Besides its toxicity, it does have value when recycled and its life cycle is endless.

We believe this bill should be straight forward and by definition, "Electric Device" should include anything that has a power cord or a battery pack including toys, power tools, car stereos and electronic parts, and "white goods". We also believe that all manufacturers should be responsible for all their products, including microwaves, washing machines, etc., and not just the products with a recovery value. How can we maximize the amounts of the electronics being recycled when there are limits to what can and cannot be accepted?

In conclusion, we feel that the only way to maximize our electronics program and to reach our goal of being on the forefront of electronic recycling is to include all things that require a plug or batteries under the definition of "electric device".

Sincerely,

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