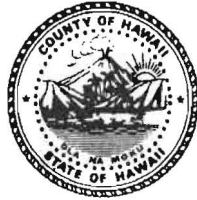


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April 1, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2509.

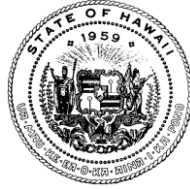
The illegal dumping of tires is a major concern across the State, including in the district that I represent in East Hawai'i. The Abandoned Tire Task Force, created pursuant to Act 271 (SLH 2012), concluded that these tires pose a threat to human health and the environment. These illegal dumps hold rainwater and serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Approval of this bill will reduce visual blight by allowing the Hawai'i Department of Health to fund programs that will promote the removal of these abandoned tires from our communities, including county abandoned tire removal programs. Please recommend approval of this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Onishi".

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

**Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2014
9:20am**

1 **Department's Position:** If passed, this measure should not replace or adversely impact priorities
2 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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Mikilua Valley Community Association Testimony
Supporting: HB2509 HD1 - Making an appropriation to assist communities with the removal of motor vehicle tires

For the Public Hearing by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Time: 9:20am
Place: Conference Room 211
Hawaii State Capitol

Chair: David Y. Ige, Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani, and members of the committee:

As I type - illegal dumping of tires is a common occurrence on the back roads of my community. I cannot keep track of how many times community members have collected these tires and other rubbish to dispose of them correctly. We are getting tired of this because it takes time, planning and personal money to do so. We welcome and even beg for our elected officials to step in and give us some needed help.

A few years back our community association using our own resources and labor along with City and County departments and other Government Agencies did a clean-up of storm drains. We collected more than 800 hundred plus tires. Thanks to non-profits like Nani O Waianae we were able to dispose of them. Our roads remained clean for a few months but little by little more tires were dumped and we have been trying to keep up with the dumping and demand to clean but it is getting costly for us. We have since organized a fundraiser to raise money to plan another clean-up but people are thinking we are losing the battle.

During the task force meeting sponsored by our Governor and lead by Department of Health last year - we learned that large properties on the Leeward Coast may in fact be holders of illegal tires. Well our community is in the midst of these large properties and something has to be done when these large property owners decide they no longer want to house tires on their property and think Paakea Rd and Mailiili Rd is perfect to dump their tires. This is happening folks, even during the daylight hours. No longer is it opportune to dump at night when it is dark and these roads don't have street lights. People dump during the day.

I look for stricter enforcement of dumping laws and signage posted everywhere dumping occurs. I look for our law enforcement officers to assist us in showing the law really has teeth. However, I am a realist and know our public officials including the law enforcement officers are understaffed and dumping isn't their number one priority.

Then the other option is to tell you all our story and hope that you can get us help and we can do the rest. This is our community, our ohana and we are passionate about our quality of life here. We need your help just as the bill states - to assist communities with the removal of motor vehicle tires.

Please support this bill and pass it because proper disposal of dumped tires is not only a Paakea Rd/Mailiili Rd problem but affects our entire island. These dumpers can easily transport tires to anywhere on the island to dump. Please find a Way and the Means to support this bill.

We are a state that depends on the beauty of our islands because many visitors come to see paradise. We don't want to show them how pilau paradise is on the Leeward Coast.

Thank you for reading our testimony. We stand passionate about our community - all we ask for is HELP - VOTE please to pass this bill.

Sincerely submitted,
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April 2, 2014

Honorable Senator David Ige, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Way and Means
Conference Room 211
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Aloha, Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Mahalo for your consideration of House Bill 2509 HD1, SD1 which would make funding available to help our communities to properly dispose of illegally dumped tires. I am a board member of the Big Island chapter of Keep Hawai'i Beautiful, and regularly work with community groups on this island that are trying to cope with this issue.

On the Island of Hawai'i, illegally dumped tires have been a particular problem for rural subdivisions. Tires were banned from our county landfills years ago, but consumers are often unwilling to pay the required disposal fees – about \$5 per tire on this island -- to properly recycle tires. This means unethical people now have a significant economic incentive to illegally dump tires by the roadsides.

The rural Puna subdivisions are among the most frequent victims of this illegal dumping. Larger subdivisions such as Hawaiian Paradise Park are forced to regularly assign their road maintenance crews to collect and dispose of dozens of tires illegally dumped along private subdivision roads. Other subdivisions with smaller road maintenance budgets such as Hawaiian Acres and Ainaloa have stockpiles of tires because they have no funds to pay for disposal.

It is entirely appropriate that funding for the cleanup of illegally dumped tires come from fees consumers have already paid at the time of each tire sale. Making this funding available to the counties, to community associations and to volunteer cleanup organizations will support ongoing beautification efforts across our state.

Please support House Bill 2509, and thank you for your consideration.

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