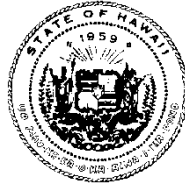


SB 2509

Measure Title:	RELATING TO SOLID WASTE REDUCTION.
Report Title:	Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Waste Diversion
Description:	Clarifies that HPHA is authorized to contract with private businesses to remove food and green waste from public housing projects.
Companion:	<u>HB2083</u>
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HMS/ENE, WAM
Introducer(s):	DELA CRUZ

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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

AND

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

February 11, 2014 1:30 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

Senate Bill 2509
Relating to Solid Waste Reduction

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland, Honorable Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) 2509, relating to solid waste reduction.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the intent of this measure, which allows the HPHA to contract with private businesses to remove food and green waste from public housing projects.

The HPHA currently recycles its green waste in a variety of ways. From using mulch and wood chips to soak up old paint that needs to be removed, to making compost for gardens, the HPHA encourages recycling of any kind. If the agency's needs become too burdensome to handle, the HPHA will definitely look into contracting with private businesses to remove food and green waste.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment with the agency's position regarding S.B. 2509. We respectfully request the Committees to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2014

Testimony for HMS/ENE on Feb 11, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senators, Mahalo for taking the step to improve sustainability in Hawai'i by authorizing private companies to collect green and food waste from public housing areas. We must be responsible stewards of the 'aina. I urge you to vote in SUPPORT of this measure and the companion bill HB 2083 to bring "recycling" of green waste to Public Housing areas. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: