

SB 2756

Measure Title: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PROCESSING OF SEWAGE INTO SEWAGE DERIVED FUEL.

Report Title: SPRB; Sewage Processing (\$)

Description: Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist a processing enterprise to process sewage to create sewage derived fuel.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2756

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AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR
THE PROCESSING OF SEWAGE INTO SEWAGE DERIVED FUEL

Senate Bill No. 2756 authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds (SPRB) to assist a processing enterprise to process sewage to create sewage derived fuel pursuant to Part IV, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department has no position on the issuance of SPRBs as contemplated in this bill. The Department would like to advise the Legislature and prospective issuers that should the legislation be approved, approval of SPRB issuance will still require further discussion and satisfactory review of the financing components involved in the transaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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IRA CALKINS	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: IRA CALKINS GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCHER 730 Captain Cook Ave Unit 426 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2161 Your actions will prove the following assertions to be the truth and factual. The Democratic Party Line has taken away the voice of the people in the making of laws. Taxation with out representation in the State of Hawaii. It appears the Hawaii State Legislators are being blackmailed in to voting the Democratic party line, or else the Democratic Party will not support the State of Hawaii Legislators in all state wide elections. It does not matter what the tax payers think, the Democratic Party line lays down the law on all bills before the State of Hawaii Legislature. The chairman's in all committee meetings has a predisposed script to follow that the Speaker of the House, and the Speaker of the Senate has given the Committee Chairs to follow, to instruct the committee members how to vote on a any given measures, all Bills in all committees of the State of Hawaii Legislature. It is determined ahead of time by the Democratic Party members how a committee member will vote when staying with in the party line on any given Bill in the State of Hawaii Legislature, Democracy has been taken away from the tax payers in the State of Hawaii. Ira Calkins Honolulu 4696434 or 3498667 FAX 808-545-4707 Washington D.C. 202-697-9782

Aloha Senator Gabbard and ENE Committee Members,

I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2756 and encourage your committee's approval to pass it on to the Senate Ways and Means for consideration.

Over the past three years, LYON Associates, Inc. has been assisting the South Korean conglomerate POSCO Plantec to introduce a new Sludge to Energy technology to Hawaii. We have met with the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services to see if this new technology can be implemented to help improve the wastewater treatment process at various plants on Oahu, and at the same time, save energy costs for how they treat the island's sewage. During all these visits, the City ENV staff has been interested about the Sludge to Energy technology. However, due to the high capital investment cost to implement any new type of treatment process, combined with limited special funds from sewer fees and sewer facility charges, creates a dilemma for the City by not being fully able to pursue newer treatment technologies.

This dilemma of operating existing treatment plants with limited funding, forces many municipalities around the country to continue spending money on older 1960's or 1970's technology just to keep plants running. If the SPRB funds could be made available to the City and County of Honolulu specifically to study and implement a pilot project to develop a phased approach to totally upgrade one of their treatment plants with new state of the art technologies, then they could break free of the endless trap they're stuck in to remain with older technologies that consume a lot of electrical energy. The ultimate goals of authorizing SPRB funds for implementing sewage derived fuel in Hawaii is to save the citizens of Hawaii money in the long run by using less electricity to power newer technologies that will result in a cleaner sewage effluent being released into the ocean, and also to reduce green-house gases that contribute to climate change impacts.

Based on the above, LYON Associates strongly encourages the ENE committee to pass Bill 2756 and forward it to WAM for further consideration.

Mahalo,

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