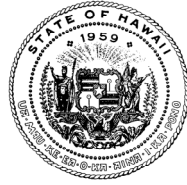


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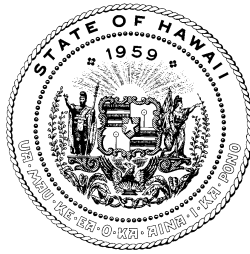
**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 2237 H.D. 1  
RELATING TO THE STATE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLIVA LUKE, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: February 25, 2016  
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Room Number: 308

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates \$350,000.00 to the Department of Health to
- 2 support the revision of the State Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Plan.
- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the intent of this bill but defers to
- 4 the Governor's Executive Budget request for the Department's appropriations, which contains an
- 5 identical \$350,000 request for revision of the State ISWM Plan.
- 6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR,  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2237, HD 1  
RELATING TO THE STATE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**House Committee on Finance**

February 24, 2016

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill. HB2237, HD 1 would appropriate funds to support the revision of the State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

In our Report No. 14-16, *Audit of the Department of Health's Glass Advance Disposal Fee Program*, we recommended the department continue with intended plans to request funds from the Legislature to update the State's plan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of HB2237, HD 1.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Thursday, February 25, 2016 — 1:00 p.m. — Room 308

**Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 2237 HD 1, Relating to the State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and reduce waste. We believe that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

**Ulupono strongly supports HB 2237 HD 1**, which funds revisions to the state integrated solid waste management plan, because it aligns with our goal of reducing waste in Hawai'i. As an island state, Hawai'i is responsible for handling and diverting its waste streams. Waste plans provide county governments with data and strategies to handle its waste issues. Furthermore, the State can provide a statewide overview of waste issues to identify if there are best practices across counties.

As Hawai'i's waste issues become more complex and challenging, we appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that address these issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta  
General Partner

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ELIA BRUNO	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thomas Hall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Position: Support of Bill · Provides important funding to revise the state integrated solid waste management plan · Will help with waste reduction in Hawai'i · An updated waste plan would provide the county governments with necessary data and strategies to best handle waste issues · May help to identify best practices across the State

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**HB 2237 HD1:** Relating To The State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.  
Position: **Support**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kaily Wakefield, I am second year law student at the William S. Richardson School of Law and am currently interning with the Surfrider Foundation. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2237 HD1.

I support this bill alongside the members of the Surfrider Foundation because it will provide important and necessary funding to help the Department of Health revise the state's integrated solid waste management plan. We believe that proper waste management includes waste reduction, with the ultimate goal being that Hawai'i would become a zero waste state. This bill will help with waste reduction in Hawai'i by creating an updated waste plan that would provide the county governments with necessary data and strategies for handling waste issues on each island.

Additionally, it is crucial that the Department of Health take this opportunity to focus on waste reduction as part of the state's waste management procedure, rather than allowing our dead end path of over flowing landfills and HPOWER to continue. This bill will allow for an assessment and implementation of best practices across the state.

I strongly support HB 2237 HD1 for a more sustainable integrated solid waste management plan in Hawai'i. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kaily Wakefield  
William S. Richardson School of Law  
JD Candidate, Class of 2017  
Resident of House District 48, Senate District 24

*Hawai'i Green Growth is a public-private partnership that coordinates across government, non-governmental and cultural organizations, business, academia and philanthropy to achieve Hawai'i's Aloha+ Challenge 2030 sustainability goals.*

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## Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth In Support of HB2237 HD1 Relating to State Integrated Solid Waste Management Program House Committee on Finance 25 February 2016, 1:00pm, Room 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

**Hawai'i Green Growth strongly supports HB2237 HD1** to appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the revision of the State's Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

As an island state, solid waste management is a critical issue for Hawai'i. The Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP) is a highly cost-effective investment for statewide solid waste reduction. The last ISWMP was done in 2000, and a revision would bring together County ISWMPs, reflect current priorities from multi-stakeholder planning processes, and provide a place to prioritize statewide waste management needs and compare solutions to meet the challenges of waste reduction in Hawai'i. Hawai'i Green Growth county, state and non-profit partners have identified the ISWMP as a critical gap and gap to advance solid waste and discarded resource recovery.

HGG public-private partners agreed HB2237 was an important shared 2016 legislative priority to advance the *Aloha+ Challenge* solid waste reduction goal. The *Aloha+ Challenge* is a statewide commitment by the State Legislature (SCR 69), Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs to achieve six sustainability goals for 2030 in the areas of clean energy, local food, natural resources, solid waste reduction, smart growth and climate resilience, and green jobs and education. Statewide HGG public-private partners are identifying shared measures to track progress and provide accountability with the online *Aloha+ Challenge* Dashboard, while developing an annual policy and action agenda to advance Hawai'i's shared 2030 sustainability goals.

The *Aloha+ Challenge* has been recognized nationally and internationally by the US State Department and Global Island Partnership as a model for locally appropriate implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goals. With the upcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress hosted by Hawai'i in September 2016, this legislative session is an important opportunity for Hawai'i to showcase leadership on sustainable development, conservation and resilience.

As a public-private partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth supports HB2237 to help drive implementation on the *Aloha+ Challenge* solid waste reduction goal.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
robert brower	surfrider foundation kauai	Support	No

Comments: Kauai sorely needs to reassess it's solid waste practices. this bill will help to identify solutions. Mahalo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stuart Coleman	Surfrider Foundation	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members, Surfrider's Hawaii Chapters support HB2237 and the funding for the Dept. of Health to study and revise the State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. Revision for this plan are long overdue and should help with needed waste reduction in Hawai'i. An updated waste plan would also provide the counties with necessary data and strategies to best handle waste issues and identify best practices across the State. Mahalo for your consideration and support of this bill. Aloha, Stuart Coleman Hawaii Coordinator Surfrider Foundation 2927 Hibiscus Pl. Honolulu, HI 96815

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Zachary Hitchcock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Zachary Hitchcock Chair, Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter 1533 Artesian Way Honolulu, HI 96822 Dear House Finance Committee, I support HB2237. It is very important to expand the budget for the integrated solid waste management plan. The State needs to develop useful and sustainable mechanisms to reduce solid waste and enhance the environment. Extra funds can help with research and implementation of an efficient system of reducing and reusing solid waste. As a long time organic gardener, I have found huge benefits from composting and vermiculture. The benefits to the soil and the plants are immeasurable. Let's move closer to a healthy and sustainable future for our beautiful State. Sincerely, Zachary Hitchcock Chair, Surfrider Oahu 808-222-6960

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Aloha Chair Luke and House Finance Committee Members

RE: HB 2237: In Strong Support  
Thursday, February 25, 2016  
TIME: 1:00 PM.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308

I am writing on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation's Oahu Chapter in support of HB 2237, relating to the State solid waste integrated management plan. Waste streams in our islands are becoming of the utmost importance as we add more people and our cumulative impact has cascading effects. With such volumes being added to our waste stream our landfills are filling and releasing toxic methane gas. It is time to rethink the way that we define waste disposal and position our State as one that puts waste reduction at the top of our list. However, without a doubt we will continue to create some forms of waste and our mission should be to identify more effective methods for managing this stream. Moving ourselves towards a plan that recycles and creates value added products will take a directed effort and funding from this bill can lead the way towards a more sustainable Hawai'i.

We have an opportunity to effectively reduce GHG emission in Hawai'i through food waste diversion that will move Hawai'i towards our Aloha+ Challenge commitments of 70% waste stream reduction by 2025, and support local Agriculture through building healthy soils. This will be part of the solution, but this funding mechanism will be a vehicle to guide our counties to more effective infrastructure to meet our goals. As the process evolves the State will be providing plans and practices that can be implemented both at home and around our country. The issue of landfilling is affecting the whole world and it is our opportunity to be a leader on this front. Our position as an island community makes this of the highest priority.

Surfrider Oahu is always concerned with the burden of waste that our culture of consumption has on our environment and are strong proponents of methods of reduction that also include value added products as end results.

Mahalo for your time and consideration on this important topic.

Cheers,  
Rafael Bergstrom  
Surfrider Oahu Chapter Coordinator

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Marti Townsend	Sierra Club of Hawai'i	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Aloha,

Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, and committee members.

I am providing testimony in favor of HB 2237 HD1 for the following reasons:

- Provides important funding to revise the state integrated solid waste management plan
- Will help with waste reduction in Hawai'i.
- An updated waste plan would provide the county governments with necessary data and strategies to best handle waste issues.
- May help to identify best practices across the State.

Mahalo for your service to the citizens of Hawaii.



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Nicole Chatterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Finance Committee, I am writing in support of HB2237, to support the Department of Health in updating the State solid waste management plan with a goal of reaching Zero Waste. This is imperative in meeting our Aloha + Challenge goal of 70% waste diversion by 2030. Aloha, Nicole Chatterson

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