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**Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 1260**  
**RELATING TO RECYCLING**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department offers comments on this measure. The goal of this  
3 measure is "...to mandate the department of health to adopt and implement the recommendations  
4 made by the office of the Auditor." This measure requires the Department to: 1) perform a cost-  
5 benefit analysis of, and consider, combining the Glass Advance Disposal Fee (ADF) and Deposit  
6 Beverage Container programs; 2) update the Department's 2008 Draft Glass Recycling Policy; 3)  
7 work with stakeholders to make practical policies and rules governing the stockpiling of glass;  
8 and 4) increase the recovery rate of ADF glass to 75%.

9 This measure may be unnecessary as the Department is actively following up on the Auditor's  
10 recommendations. Given the Auditor's focus on administrative issues, we are focusing our  
11 initial response on tightening contract management, specifically beginning with revising the  
12 scopes of services in our contracts with the counties. We will also be implementing written  
13 procedures for contract administration, accounting, and the collection and compilation of data  
14 that will be used in consideration of future program changes. We believe that these are the  
15 logical first steps in follow-up to the Auditor's report.

16 While we understand the desire to make some of the changes proposed by this bill, we believe  
17 that it is premature to do so at this point. That is not to say that some, or all, of the changes will  
18 not be considered, only that we will consider and analyze these proposals after we have  
19 completed analysis of all county programs and have begun collection of more comprehensive

1 data. We assure you that we will include all pertinent stakeholders as we continue our analysis  
2 and in developing proposals to modify and improve the glass ADF program.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure

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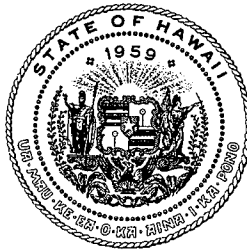
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**TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR,  
ON SENATE BILL NO. 1260, RELATING TO RECYCLING**

**(Written testimony only)**

**Senate Committees on Ways and Means  
February 27, 2015**

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committees:

I am Jan Yamane, Acting State Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 1260. The purpose of this measure is to mandate the Department of Health to adopt and implement the recommendations made in Report No. 14-17, *A Study to Identify Local Alternatives to Shipping Non-Deposit Glass out of the State of Hawaii*, which we released in December 2014. We contracted with Oceanit Laboratories, Inc., to conduct the study because our office does not have expertise in environmental issues. Oceanit concluded that before Hawaii can successfully implement local uses of ADF glass, it must first address significant obstacles to local down-cycling of ADF glass. This measure would require implementation of recommendations made to the Department of Health to address such obstacles.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1260. I am available to answer any questions you may have.

**SB1260**

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