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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Energy Environment

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs

State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair Espero, and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 703, Relating to Solid Waste

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services (ENV) is opposed to Senate Bill (SB) 703 which proposes to increase funding for the Department of Health's (DOH) Solid Waste Management programs through increases in the solid waste management surcharge.

We are in full support of adequate funding of the DOH Solid Waste Management programs, and we are opposed to funding these regulatory functions through fees on regulated activities rather than through use of State general funds. We believe that State general funds are the proper source of funding. The increase in the solid waste surcharge unfairly targets a specific base for a wider purpose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori M.K. Kahikina".

Lori M.K. Kahikina, P.E.
Director