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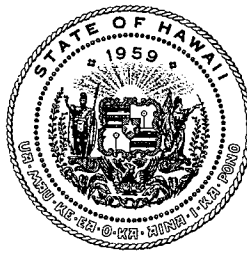
**Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 710 SD1**  
**RELATING TO THE STATE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS LEE, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Hearing Date: March 17, 2015                      Room Number: 325

- 1    **Fiscal Implications:** General fund appropriation of an unspecified amount
- 2    **Department Testimony:** We appreciate the intent of this measure but defer to the Governor's  
3    Executive Budget request for the Department of Health's appropriation and personnel priorities.  
4    The Department offers the following comments on this measure.
- 5    This measure proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Health to support the revision  
6    of the State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.
- 7    Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 342G requires the Department to develop and revise the state's  
8    Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Plan. The statute also requires each county to  
9    develop and periodically revise county specific ISWM plans. All counties have revised their  
10    respective plans. The initial state plan was completed in 2000 but has not been revised due to a  
11    lack of funds.
- 12    Planning process and subsequent plan may be the most efficient way of providing a framework  
13    for the discussion of the multiple solid waste issues currently being considered during the  
14    legislative session.
- 15    Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR,  
ON SENATE BILL NO. 710, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE STATE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**House Committee on Energy & Environment Protection**

March 17, 2015

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee:

I am Jan Yamane, Acting State Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of Senate Bill No. 710, Senate Draft 1. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the revision of the state integrated solid waste management plan, thus furthering the State's waste management goals and ensuring progress toward managing the State's waste.

In December 2014, we released Report No. 14-16, *Audit of the Department of Health's Glass Advance Disposal Fee Program*, wherein we recommended, in part, that the department continue with intended plans to request from the 2015 Legislature funds to update the State's integrated waste management plan. We also recommended that the department work with the Legislature to update the State's waste disposal goals to ensure the goals are measurable and revised when necessary. We defer to the Department of Health on the type and amount of resources it needs to carry out our recommendation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of Senate Bill No. 710, Senate Draft 1. I am available to answer any questions you may have.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 — 8:30 a.m. — Room 325

**Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports SB 710 SD 1, Relating to the State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan**

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, 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 company that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase clean, renewable energy, and waste reduction. 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 SB 710 SD 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

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*



**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth in Support of SB710 SD1  
Relating to the State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan  
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection**

17 March 2015, 8:30am, Room 325

**Audrey Newman  
Hawai'i Green Growth**

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*Hawai'i Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of more than 70 state, county, federal, business, and non-governmental leaders from energy, food production, natural resources, waste reduction, planning, green jobs, and other sectors who have come together to support a shared statewide commitment and tangible actions toward sustainability and a model green economy.*

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Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee,

**Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) provides its strongest support for SB710 SD1** to appropriate funds to the Department of Health to revise the State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWM Plan) is a highly cost-effective investment in working statewide to reduce solid waste and meet the *Aloha+ Challenge* targets. In our HGG statewide Sustainability Measures meetings, it was identified as the most critical need/gap by County, State and non-profit professionals working on solid waste and discarded resource recovery.

The last ISWM Plan was done in 2000. A revision would bring together County ISWM Plans, 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.

SB710 SD1 will help advance action on the *Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability – He Nohona 'Ae'oi'a*, a joint leadership commitment to achieve six sustainability targets by 2030 in the areas of clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart growth and climate resilience, green jobs and education. The *Aloha+ Challenge* was unanimously endorsed by the 2014 Legislature (SCR 69) and signed by Hawai'i's Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. It was also internationally recognized as a model of integrated sustainability at the UN Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa.

HGG and the State Sustainability Coordinator are working in partnership with the counties, Office of Information Management and Technology, and a statewide team of government agencies (federal, state, county), academia, philanthropies, businesses and non-profit organizations to develop shared indicators and an online dashboard. This dashboard will provide a tool for decision makers and the public to track progress on the *Aloha+ Challenge* targets starting with waste reduction and clean energy. The ISWM Plan can help fill critical data gaps for waste reduction indicators that were identified during this statewide indicator selection process.

As a partnership representing Hawai'i's leaders in environment, food and energy, HGG asks for your support of **SB710 SD1**, which is an important investment towards reducing solid waste reduction in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Newman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Audrey Newman**

Senior Advisor, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG)

*Bringing leaders together to achieve sustainability in Hawai'i & be a model for a green economy*

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Comments: Aloha, Please amend this bill to include 2 items: 1.) A separate line item and appropriation for each county and H-Power to have a Waste Composition Study to determine what items are being discarded and not captured through Waste Reduction Methods - this will allow for better, accurate planning of programs needed in the Integrated Solid Waste Plans. 2.) Please put provisions in the bill to have the focus be on Zero Waste Philosophy / Processes..... Thank You

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-Pete Seeger

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