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

SENATOR JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: February 27, 2015

Room Number: 211

1 **Fiscal Implications:** \$350,000 general fund appropriation

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.

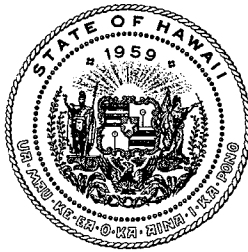
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 342G requires the Department to develop and revise the state's
8 Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Plan. The statute also requires each county to
9 develop and periodically revise county specific ISWM plans. All counties have revised their
10 respective plans. 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, RELATING TO THE STATE INTEGRATED WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

(Written testimony only)

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

February 27, 2015

Chair Tokuda 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. 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 recommendations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of Senate Bill 710. I am available to answer any questions you may have.



**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth in Support of SB710
Relating to the State Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
27 February 2015, 1:00pm, Room 211**

**Audrey Newman
Hawai'i Green Growth**

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.

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee,

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) provides its strongest support for SB710 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 will help advance action on the *Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability – He Nohona 'Ae'ōia*, 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**, 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 style and is positioned above a light gray rectangular box.

Audrey Newman

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
Friday, February 27, 2015 — 1:00 p.m. — Room 211

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

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, 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, 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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Comments:

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