

HB 1351, HD1



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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB 1351 HD1
RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING FUND**

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: 3/20/2017
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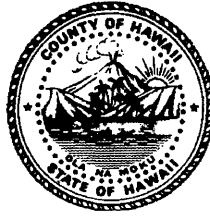
1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates an unspecified amount out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii.

3 **Department Testimony:** This measure allows the Department to use money in the electronic
4 device recycling fund to support county electronics collections. This measure also appropriates
5 funds out of the general funds to the Department to reimburse the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and
6 Maui for expenses incurred during 2015 and 2016 related to the services associated with
7 handling and collecting electronic devices.

8 The Department appreciates efforts to allow the money in the electronic device recycling
9 fund to be used to support county electronics collections.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure and we appreciate the
11 legislature's support of the state's recycling programs.

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March 16, 2017

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawai'i State Capitol
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Dear Chairs Gabbard and Baker, and Members:

**RE: HB 1351, HD 1
Relating to the Electronic Device Recycling Fund**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1351, HD1.

It is my understanding that in FY 2013 and FY 2014, Hawaii County received about \$100,000 each year for electronics recycling. The purpose of HB 1351 is to restore that funding, and we would very much appreciate restoration of that help.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Kim".

Harry Kim
Mayor

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RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING FUND.

*Clarifies purposes for which moneys from the electronic device recycling fund may be expended.
Makes an appropriation as a grant-in-aid to the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui for expenses related to the collection services associated with handling and collecting electronic devices for recycling.*

The County of Hawaii (COH) supports Senate Bill 418 SD1 and companion Bill HB1351. The COH supports both the repayments for County of Hawaii funds expended for electronic recycling in 2015-2016 but also funding this necessary service for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal years. COH expended in FY 2014-2015 over \$64,000 in the collection and recycling of electronic waste. In 2015-2016, COH expended over \$180,000 for the same services. These costs diverted almost 463,000 pounds of electronic waste from COH landfills. These costs do not include the administration costs of this program and electronic recycling costs have risen by over 30% for the coming fiscal year. COH requests that this legislation be adopted and continued funding of this specific waste removal program be continued.

The COH Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has the front line responsibility for recycling and waste management in our County and the support from Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) is an integral part of our programs. We depend on the DOH for technical and financial support and urge you to allow DOH to continue these necessary efforts. For the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years, COH was dependent upon the funding levels agreed upon by DOH (\$100,000 for 2015, \$50,000 for half of 2016). While COH expended funds in anticipation of receiving these funds, no payments have been made and while the House Bill (1351) would rectify that problem for the COH, the Senate Bill only adds funds in future years. COH would request that both previously agreed upon payments and funds for future operations be approved.

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March 19, 2017

Submitted via Capitol Website

Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

**Re: HB 1351, H.D.1 Relating to the Electronic Device Recycling Fund
Hearing: Monday, March 20, 2017 - 1:15 p.m., Room 224**

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair Baker, and Members of the Committees:

On behalf of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA)™, I am writing to provide testimony in **support** of H.B. 1351 HD1, which proposes to amend the existing statutes relating to the electric device recycling program.

CTA is a trade association representing more than 2,200 companies in the U.S. consumer technology industry. CTA's members are involved in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and integration of audio, video, in-vehicle electronics, wireless and landline communications, information technology, home networking, multimedia and accessory products, as well as related services that are sold through consumer channels.

H.B. 1351 HD1 clarifies purposes for which monies from the electronic device recycling fund may be expended, and makes an appropriation to reimburse the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui for expenses incurred during 2015 and 2016 related to the collection services associated with handling and collecting electronic devices for recycling.

Many of CTA's member companies pay into the electronic recycling device fund on an ongoing basis under the program outlined in HRS Chapter 339D. CTA supports the language of H.B. 1351, HD1, insofar as it directs that monies collected in the fund may be used by the director to support county electronics recycling activities.

This bill is needed because the attorney general has indicated that the language in HRS Chapter 339D does not allow for the Department of Health to provide funding to the counties for electronics collection activities. This has disrupted the existing system of funding, where the Department was working collaboratively with the counties to provide support for county recycling activities.

CTA has been in discussions with the Department of Health, and believes that current language in the bill gives the Department the flexibility it needs to administer the program going forward and provide

funding to the counties as it did previously. We believe that affording DOH the ability to direct these [CTA.tech](https://cta.tech) funds is the most efficient manner in which to handle administration of the program.

Thank you for the opportunity for our industry to provide testimony in support of H.B.1351, HD1. If you would like to discuss our recommendations further please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 907-7765 or WAlcorn@cta.tech.

Sincerely,
THE CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION



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