



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
P. O. Box 3378  
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378  
doh.testimony@doh.hawaii.gov

**WRITTEN  
TESTIMONY ONLY**

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

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: 2/28/2017  
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Room Number: 308

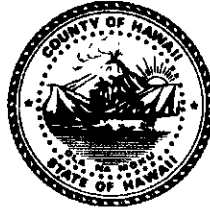
1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates an unspecified amount out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii.

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. The Department also would like to  
10 note that Section 2 of this measure should not include reimbursement by the Department because  
11 we are unable to create retroactive contracts for fiscal years that have already ended. The  
12 Department asks that the reimbursement to the counties are made directly from the general fund  
13 to the counties.

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

Harry Kim  
Mayor



Wil Okabe  
Managing Director

Barbara J. Kossow  
Deputy Managing Director

County of Hawai'i  
Office of the Mayor

25 Aupuni Street, Suite 2603 • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720 • (808) 961-8211 • Fax (808) 961-6553  
KONA 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy, Bldg. C • Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740  
(808) 323-4444 • Fax (808) 323-4440

February 27, 2017

Representative Sylvia Luke  
Finance Committee  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Luke 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 that help.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Kim".

Harry Kim  
Mayor

February 27, 2017

*Submitted via Capitol Website*

Representative Sylvia Luke  
Chair, House Committee on Finance

**Re: H.B. 1351 HD1 Relating to The Electronic Device Recycling Fund  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:00 a.m., Room 308**

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

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 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](mailto:walcorn@cta.tech).

Sincerely,

THE CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION



Walter Alcorn

Vice President, Environmental Affairs and Industry Sustainability

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 2:12 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** robert.carroll@mauicounty.us  
**Subject:** Submitted testimony for HB1351 on Feb 28, 2017 11:00AM

**HB1351**

Submitted on: 2/27/2017

Testimony for FIN on Feb 28, 2017 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
robert carroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1351 HD 1 for reasons cited in testimony provided by Maui County Council Chair Mike White.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

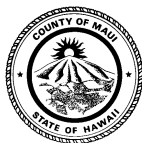
Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Council Chair  
Mike White

Vice-Chair  
Robert Carroll

Presiding Officer Pro Tempore  
Stacy Crivello

Councilmembers  
Alika Atay  
Elle Cochran  
Don S. Guzman  
Riki Hokama  
Kelly T. King  
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura



Director of Council Services  
Sandy K. Baz

## COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY OF MAUI  
200 S. HIGH STREET  
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793  
www.MauiCounty.us

February 27, 2017

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Mike White  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike White", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1351, HD 1 RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING FUND**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure. The purpose of this measure is 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.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The measure would clarify that funds collected by the state Department of Health for electronic recycling efforts can be disbursed to the counties. My understanding is that during the past few years, funds continued to be collected from manufacturers, but the Department of Health was unable to reimburse counties for collection expenses due to a legal interpretation. No new fees or taxes will need to be imposed for this disbursement.
2. Maui County recycles more than 1,500,000 pounds of electronic waste every year. This collaborative effort is a step to ensure the continuity of this program, which is widely received and appreciated by our residents.

Mahalo for your consideration.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

*ocs:proj:legis:17legis:17testimony:hb1351\_hd1\_mkz*

**LATE**

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 11:21 AM  
To: FINTestimony  
Cc: robert.carroll@mauicounty.us  
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1351 on Feb 28, 2017 11:00AM

**HB1351**

Submitted on: 2/28/2017

Testimony for FIN on Feb 28, 2017 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
robert carroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure for reason cited in testimony provided by Maui County Council Chair Mike White.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:56 AM  
 To: FINTestimony  
 Cc: yukilei.sugimura@mauicounty.us  
 Subject: \*Submitted testimony for HB1351 on Feb 28, 2017 11:00AM\*

**HB1351**

Submitted on: 2/28/2017

Testimony for FIN on Feb 28, 2017 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email [webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov)



COUNTY OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
345 Kekūanāʻoʻa St., Suite 41  
Hilo HI 96720

**LATE**

facsimile transmittal

**Date:** February 27, 2017

**To:** Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Committee on Finance **Fax:** 1-800-535-3859

**From:** William A. Kucharski, Director of  
Department of Environmental **Phone:** 808.961.8083  
Management 808.961.8086 (fax)

**Re:** Support of HB1351 HD1 **Pages:** 3, including cover sheet

**CC:**

Urgent  For Review  Please Comment  Please Reply  Please Recycle

*Hawai'i County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*



Harry Kim  
Mayor

Wilfred M. Okabe  
Managing Director

William A. KucharSKI  
Director

Diane A. Noda  
Deputy Director

**County of Hawai'i**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
345 Kekūanāo'a Street, Suite 41 • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720  
(808) 961-8083 • Fax (808) 961-8086  
<http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/environmental-management/>

February 27, 2017

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Committee on Finance  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: **SUPPORT of HB1351 HD1**  
**(Relating to the Electronic Device Recycling Fund)**  
Date: February 28, 2017 (Tuesday)  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Place: House Conference Room 308, State Capitol

Dear Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

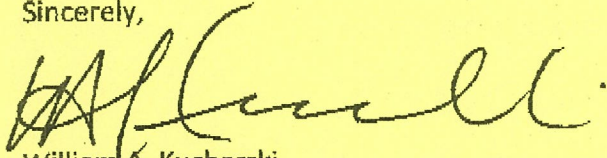
The County of Hawaii (COH) supports HB1351. In FY 2014-2015, COH expended more than \$64,000 in the collection and recycling of electronic waste. In FY 2015-2016, COH expended more than \$190,000 for the same services. Approximately 485,000 pounds of electronic waste were diverted from COH landfills. In addition, the administrative costs of this program, is approximately \$60,000 annually. Further, electronic recycling costs are expected to rise by over 40% for the coming year. COH requests that this legislation be adopted and funding of this waste recycling 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 Hawai'i 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 payment has been made. Passage of HB 1351 would rectify this issue and provide the much-needed funds to COH.

County of Hawai'i is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Kucharski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

William A. Kucharski  
Director

cc: Mayor Harry Kim  
Gregory Goodale, DEM Solid Waste Division Chief