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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB 1351 HD1 SD1  
RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING FUND**

SENATOR JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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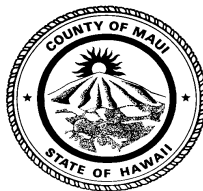
1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates an unspecified amount out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii.

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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TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
9:35 AM, Conference Room 211

HB 1351 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING FUND.

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means  
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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of HB1351 HD1 SD1.

Maui County has been recycling electronics since 1999, longer than any other county in the state. In 2016, we collected more than 1,500,000 pounds of used electronics. With a population of about 150,000 people, Maui recycled about 10 pounds per person. To put this in perspective, the states of Michigan and South Carolina recycled about 2 pounds per person, and Oregon about 5 pounds per person. In short, recycling electronics is an ingrained, well respected habit for people on Maui, as it should be state-wide.

When the state law governing recycling electronics passed in 2010, the Department of Health distributed funds to neighbor islands to help with costs associated with collecting used electronics. The funds came from fees the state collected from Electronic Manufacturers, fees which are still collected today. Two years ago the attorney general's ruling stopped this funding, and Maui County has borne the cost of the collections. On other neighbor islands, collections have stopped altogether, or been very sporadic.

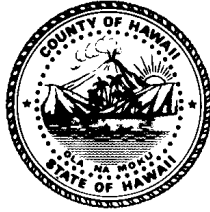
*The current bill does not create a new tax or fee.* It makes clear how the fees already collected may be distributed to the islands to fund used electronic collections. The law now on the books mandates that these fees be used exclusively for electronic recycling. The current bill also reimburses the counties for their costs of collecting electronics the past two years since the AG's ruling. Over time, this disbursement of funds will mean literally millions of dollars of support to neighbor counties for this vital service. As the other islands do, Maui feels it is imperative this funding flow once again.

For these reasons, I strongly support HB 1351 HD1 SD1.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa  
Mayor, County of Maui

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April 3, 2017

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

**RE: HB1351, HD1, SD1  
Relating to the Electronic Device Recycling Fund**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1351, HD1, SD1.

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,

Harry Kim  
Mayor

HB 1351, HD1

(HSCR517)

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RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING FUND.

*Authorizes the Director of Health to expend moneys to support county electronics recycling collection. 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.*

The County of Hawaii (COH) supports HB1351. 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 this Bill would rectify that problem for the COH.

April 3, 2017

**Submitted via Capitol Website**

Senator Jill Tokuda  
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**Re: HB 1351, H.D.1, S.D.1 Relating to the Electronic Device Recycling Fund  
Hearing: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – 9:35 a.m., Room 211**

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

On behalf of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA)™, I am writing to provide testimony in **support** of H.B. 1351, HD1, SD1 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, SD1 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, SD1 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 supports the current language in the bill. We have been in discussions with the Department of Health, and believe 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.

We would also note that, while Section 2 of the bill calls for an appropriation out of the general fund, it may be more appropriate to either make the bill retroactive to the year that the funding issues began, or to designate the monies to come out of the existing special fund.

Thank you for the opportunity for our industry to provide testimony in support of H.B.1351, HD1, SD1. 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



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