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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2114 SD1
RELATING TO THE GLASS ADVANCE DISPOSAL FEE PROGRAM**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: March 16, 2018
Time: 9:00 am

Room Number: 329

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** General funding of these positions will allow the Department of Health
- 2 (DOH) to continue the practice of applying the savings from administrative expenses towards
- 3 county glass recovery programs and sustain Intergrated Solid Waste Planning activities within
- 4 the department.
- 5 **Department Testimony:** The DOH supports the intent of SB 2114, which is to appropriate
- 6 funds to establish two positions for the glass advance disposal fee program, but defers to the
- 7 Governor's Supplemental Budget Request for appropriation and personnel priorities.
- 8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

TO the Honorable Chris Lee, Chair; the Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair; and Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SB2114 SD1**, relating to the Glass Advance Disposal Fee Program; Positions; and an appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SB2114 SD1** and support its passage.

SB2114 SD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates funds to establish 2 positions for the glass advance disposal fee program.

The DPH Platform states that "[t]he Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment is essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling and waste reduction." (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 407-415 (2016)).

Given that **SB2114 SD1** appropriates funds to establish 2 positions for the glass advance disposal fee program, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The collection, processing, and management of glass containers has long been a massive headache for every county. The advance disposal fee program has the potential to address this headache, but only if resources and staff are dedicated to its management. New staff would be able to help ensure that the funds due from glass jar imports are, in fact, collected. The expected bump in revenue and staff lobbying for an increase of the ADF, may enable the State to more effectively manage glass processing. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: State of Hawaii House of Representatives

From: Harvy King; High Crown Consulting

Subject: Statement of Support SB4298

I am Harvy King, currently a resident of Kaneohe. I am a Veteran of the US Navy, where I became Environmental Protection certified. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** this bill. I submitted testimony on this bill last year. Since then I have discovered the work of Professor Katsuhiko Saido (PhD) of Nihon University in Japan. He is an internationally recognized member in the field of Chemistry, referenced on the front page of the New York Times in August 27, 2009 in an article titled, "Our Plastic Legacy Afloat." He and his team have written several scholarly papers and toured the world presenting their work. **Polystyrene** is just one of the toxic chemicals that he has studied. It was his research on ocean plastic leaching bisphenol A (a.k.a BPA) into the environment that spearheaded the FDA's BPA ban on products made for babies, and later from almost all plastic container. BPA is an endocrine disruptor. BPA, Polycarbonate (PC), Epoxy resin (EPX), Polyethylene terephthalate (PET), and **Polystyrene** (a known **carcinogen** and **neurotoxin**) are being found everywhere in the world. **The health of the environment and Hawaii's citizens will be at greater risk if this bill doesn't pass.** Some of these plastic byproducts have even been found in the livers of Bald Eagles in Alaska from the consumption of salmon. The top of the food chain in some of the most remote ecology in the world are not safe from the toxic chemicals. Professor Saido has received awards for his work on ocean debris. His life's work has been studying debris byproducts and the extent of which this problem is consuming the world. It is my recommendation that you give his work the attention it deserves with concern to SB2498, Hawaii Nei, and the World. Professor Saido has even developed technology that is ready to solve the problem of marine debris washing onto coastlines around the world.

By eliminating styrofoam and converting to bio-compostable material Hawaii is creating a resource from its waste. This bill should be seen as an opportunity for Hawaii to apply a diverse energy technology specifically, anaerobic digesters. Anaerobic digestion is a renewable and alternative energy technology that directly addresses waste management and food production through a closed loop system, which encourages "zero-waste" & "free-energy" communities. I think there may be a need to address the circumstances of industrial scale composting requirements versus small scale requirements in the Hawaii administrative rules and Honolulu ordinances. Please take into consideration the **U.N. SDG's and the ALOHA+ Challenge.** Please make the health of our planet and the sustainability of our society your highest priority.

Your work is greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Muchas Gracias, Mahalo Nui

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