

SB2114

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE GLASS ADVANCE DISPOSAL FEE PROGRAM.
Report Title:	Glass Advance Disposal Fee Program; Positions; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Appropriates funds to establish two positions for the glass advance disposal fee program.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH/AEN, WAM
Introducer(s):	GABBARD, INOUYE, KEITH-AGARAN, K. RHOADS, RUDERMAN, TANIGUCHI, S. Chang, Riviere



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2114
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing Date: February 12, 2018
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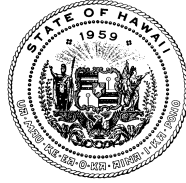
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Submitted on: 2/2/2018 9:46:14 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY
AND
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
THE SENATE
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Friday, February 12, 2018
1:15 p.m.**

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2114, RELATING TO THE GLASS ADVANCE FEE

To the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2114, relating to appropriating funds to establish two positions for the glass advance disposal fee program.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No.2114 and supports its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2114 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates funds to establish two positions for the glass advance disposal fee program.

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustaining clean, efficient, creative and environmentally-friendly modes of transportation, recycling, and waste management. (Platform of the DPH, P. 9, Lines 452-456 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2114 appropriates funds to establish two 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

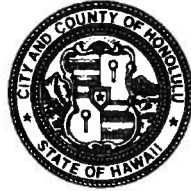
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and Members of the Committee on Commerce,
Consumer Protection and Health
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Agriculture and Environment
State Senate
State Capitol
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Dear Chair Baker, Chair Gabbard, and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 2114, Relating to the Glass Advanced Disposal
Fee Program

The City and County of Honolulu's (City) Department of Environmental Services **supports** SB 2114, which authorizes the creation of two positions dedicated to the non-deposit glass Advanced Disposal Fee (ADF) program. Improving the administration of this program, should result in increased fee collections from glass bottle and jar importers and, therefore, more funding for non-deposit glass recycling at the county level.

The intent of the ADF program is to assign the responsibility for the cost of recycling non-deposit glass to the manufacturer/importer, while incentivizing the consumer to recycle. The ADF program also provides financial support to the counties which use the fees collected under this program to develop recycling programs. With less funding, greater financial burden is placed on county government (and ultimately the taxpayers) to keep non-deposit glass out of the landfill.

For years, inadequate funding has impacted the City's ability to provide adequate support for the recycling of more than 7,000 tons of non-deposit glass collected annually from 160,000 homes in the residential curbside recycling program, glass buy-back centers, and the bar and restaurant industry. Due to insufficient funds, as of July 1, 2014, recyclers on Oahu stopped accepting non-deposit glass from the public. With no available non-deposit glass recycling options, the City was forced to suspend its ordinance requiring bars and restaurants to recycle their non-deposit glass containers


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(ROH Sec 9-3.1). This has contributed to an almost 30% reduction in the amount of non-deposit glass being recycled from fiscal years 2014 to 2017.

A recycling program with sufficient funding is needed to support the diversion of ADF glass from the landfill to recycling. Allocating more resources to this program to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of ADF collection will begin to restore the financial responsibility for recycling this glass to where it belongs - the commercial businesses that produce and import the product.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Lori M.K. Kahikina, P.E.
Director