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Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 2337
RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT

SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATOR ROSLYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 13, 2018
Time: 2:45 PM

Room Number: 224

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports the intent of this measure. This measure proposes to
3 require all state and county agency contractors, that include disposal of liquid or solid waste, to provide a
4 receipt as proof that the waste was received and disposed of at a licensed facility.

5 The proposed requirements would help state and county contracting agencies comply with Hawaii
6 Revised Statutes Ch. 340H-30, which requires that, "No person, including any public body, shall discard,
7 dispose of, deposit, discharge, or dump solid waste, or by contract or otherwise arrange directly or
8 indirectly for the disposal of solid waste...anywhere other than a permitted solid waste management
9 system without the prior written approval of the director." This measure will also help prevent their
10 contractors from illegally dumping waste.

11 However, the department also recognizes that there are concerns with the implementation of the
12 proposed program and we therefore we also defer to other agencies.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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SENATE COMMITTEES ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT, and COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – 2:45 p.m., State Capitol Conference Room 224

In SUPPORT of SB 2337 Relating to Waste Management

Aloha Chair Kim, Chair Gabbard, Chair Baker and members of the Committees:

Senate Bill 2337 would require all state and county agency contracts that include disposal of liquid or solid waste to provide a receipt that the waste was received and disposed of at a licensed facility before full payment is made for those contractual services.

Improper liquid or solid waste disposal is a significant problem facing many neighborhood communities throughout the State. Under current rules, State and County agencies simply rely on best business practices to assure that liquid or solid waste (e.g., construction waste, dredged material, soil, or scrap wood) is properly eliminated or recycled. There are no mechanisms in place to allow State and County agencies to *require* proper disposal of liquid and solid waste. Proper disposal of liquid and solid waste will protect our local farmers and maintain the health and beauty of our island communities.

Please act now and pass SB 2337.

Respectfully yours,



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SB-2337

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Testimony for GVO on 2/13/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

- This law is needed to help prevent illegal dumping of construction and hazardous materials at non-permitted sites.
- This new law would require that any entity holding a contract with a State or county agency for liquid or solid waste disposal must provide a statement from a licensed waste management facility before full payment can be made
- That statement must show that the liquid or solid waste was properly received and disposed of at a legal and permitted dumping site.
- Linda Wong
- Member Diamond Head, Kapahulu, St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board 5

TO: Members of the Committees on Government Operations, Agriculture and Environment and Consumer Protection and Health

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, 2018

SUBJECT: SB2337, Waste Management – **SUPPORT**



Aloha Chairs and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SB2337, which would require contractors who have waste from public works project to provide a receipt that the waste was received and disposed of at a licensed facility before full payment is made for their services.

In 2009 and 2010, the city replaced underground wiring for street lighting along Lunalilo Home Road. A few years later, the state added a right turn lane to Kalanianaʻole Hwy. between Keahole and Hawaii Kai Drive. Construction debris, including rebar and asphalt chunks, from both of those projects was dumped in Kamilonui Valley under a long-term stockpiling permit for the memorial park.

Most recently the city repaved just about all of the roads in Hawaii Kai, and debris from some of those roads was also added to the stockpile. Kamilonui Valley is a watershed, and construction debris of this type should not be allowed.

I support the requirement for contractors to put their waste in a licensed facility and ask you to vote “yes” on SB2337.