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Testimony for AEN on 2/2/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Micah Munekata		Support	No

Comments:

HDOA supports this ADC effort.

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Friday, February 2, 2018
1:15 p.m.

SENATE BILL NO. 2519
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”). The ADC strongly supports Senate Bill No. 2519, which authorizes ADC to enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors, including agriculture, construction, and energy production.

As the State’s economy continues to grow, it is critical that innovative processes are applied to the recycling sector to reduce the pressure on the State’s environment and to capture as much value as possible to support local business sectors. The ADC, in its role of developing agriculture initiatives, is uniquely positioned to implement existing and emerging technology towards the goal of optimizing value from waste streams for agricultural uses. Other industry sectors, such as construction or energy, will also benefit immediately as recycled material often has multiple uses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and for your consideration of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

TO: Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

RE: Testimony in Support, SB 2519, Relating to the Environment

DATE: Friday, February 2, 2018

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224

Thank you for hearing SB 2519, which is an effective way to increase environmental sustainability and to diminish the need for landfills. I am an international student from Japan, studying at University of Hawaii at Manoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. I strongly support this measure because it will contribute significantly to Hawaiian community in both ecological and economical way.

I have joined in JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency,) and has stationed in Micronesia for two years as an Environmental Education Volunteer. The major issue in the small island named Kosrae was a solid waste management, and my major contribution was to build a proper landfill on the island, which was very difficult due to the limitation of the land. I can see the same problem here in Hawaii.

If we would keep producing such a big amount of solid waste and trash every day, Hawaii will not be able to find any place for landfills anymore. I appreciate the idea to reduce the amount of waste by diverting select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from landfills to produce compost, animal feed, building materials, and energy. In addition, we can strive more as eco-friendly islands, and attract more tourists who are looking for sustainability in our environment, which ecologically contribute our community. Also, by exploring private businesses to leverage new technology to process waste streams into usable forms efficiently, this measure will be able to produce new businesses and jobs to our community, which economically contribute our community.

Passing SB 2519 will provide ecological and economical benefit to Hawaiian community. Moreover, Hawaii will be able to become a leading place in the world, which contribute to a conservation of environment and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments: