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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1016 HD1  
RELATING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL GOALS**

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS LEE, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: February 19, 2019

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (Department) supports HB1016 HD1 as the  
3 Department needs to update the State's goals to reduce solid waste prior to landfill disposal that  
4 was set in the law 28 years ago.

5 The State Auditor in Report No. 14-16, "Audit of the Department of Health's Glass  
6 Advance Disposal Fee Program," recommended that the Department should work with the  
7 Legislature to update the State's waste disposal goals to ensure the goals are measurable and  
8 revised when necessary.

9 The proposed goal is consistent with the Aloha+ Challenge target of reducing 70 percent  
10 of total solid waste prior to disposal by 2030.

11 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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



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**HB1016 HD1**  
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS** HB1016 HD1, which seeks to update the Department of Health's solid waste management goals to align with the Aloha+ Challenge.

OHA has long advocated for and invested in actions to assist the state in improving the resiliency and sustainability of its land and natural and cultural resources. Notably, OHA's strategic priorities include 'Āina (Land & Water), which represents our commitment to maintain the connection to the past and a viable land base, and ensuring that Native Hawaiians can participate in and benefit from responsible stewardship of Ka Pae 'Āina O Hawai'i; this priority includes increasing the percentage of ahupua'a that are managed sustainably. In line with this strategic priority, OHA most recently joined the Governor, four county mayors, the legislature, and Hawai'i Green Growth public-private partners across the State in the launch of the Aloha+ Challenge described in this measure. Since then, OHA has worked in collaboration to support these goals through partnerships across the state, including through the Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 Hub public-private partnership.

The Aloha+ Challenge is a statewide commitment to achieve six interconnected sustainability goals for 2030, and is recognized as a localized framework for the global United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Aloha+ Challenge goals accordingly cover a broad range of issues related to making Hawai'i a more sustainable place, and, in alignment with OHA's strategic plan, priorities, and activities, will help to ensure the future sustainability, self-sufficiency, welfare, and well-being of all who call these islands home. OHA accordingly supports the proposed amendments in HB1018 HD1, which are consistent with and support the Aloha+ Challenge target of reducing our total solid waste by seventy per cent prior to disposal by 2030.

**OHA believes that the Aloha+ Challenge target described in this measure aligns with our historical and ongoing advocacy, programs, and initiatives relating to our own strategic priorities to ensure a more sustainable stewardship of Ka Pae 'Āina O Hawai'i.**

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1016 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**Ulupono Initiative Supports HB 1016 HD 1, Relating to Solid Waste Disposal Goals**

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better manage waste and fresh water resources. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

**Ulupono supports HB 1016 HD 1**, which updates the Department of Health's solid waste management goals to align with the Aloha+ Challenge, because it aligns with our goal of reducing waste in Hawai'i.

As an island state, Hawai'i is responsible for handling and diverting its waste streams. Waste goals help to unify a shared outcome expectation amongst various stakeholders. Statewide, Hawai'i is currently at ~65 percent diversion. Setting a 70 percent goal would motivate stakeholders to increase their efforts in line with the Aloha+ Challenge target.

As Hawai'i's waste issues become increasingly complex and challenging, we appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that address these issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay  
Managing Partner

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*



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Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Buenaventura, and members of the committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **strongly supports HB 1016 HD1**, which seeks to update the Department of Health's solid waste management goals to align with the Aloha+ Challenge.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i is committed to supporting efforts that seek to reduce waste and consumption across the islands such as the State's Aloha+ Challenge Goal for solid waste reduction. This goal seeks to reduce the solid waste stream prior to disposal by 70% through source reduction, recycling, bioconversion, and landfill diversion methods by the year 2030. Sierra Club believes aligning the Department of Health's solid management goals with the Aloha+ Challenge will help to ensure the Department's goals are measurable and attainable.

**We urge the Committee to pass this measure**, as it would move the State closer to the 2030 Aloha+ Challenge goal set for solid waste reduction.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 1016 HD1**.

Mahalo,  
Lori Mallini  
Volunteer, Sierra Club of Hawai'i

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