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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1016
RELATING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL GOALS

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Hearing Date: January 31, 2019 Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** NONE

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (Department) supports HB1016 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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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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January 30, 2019

The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
The Honorable Tina Wildberger, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 325
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lowen and Members:

SUBJECT: HB 1016
Relating to Solid Waste Disposal Goals

The Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu (ENV) strongly supports the goals of the Aloha + Challenge and submits the following comments on the subject bill.

The City's H-POWER waste-to-energy facility processes 700,000 tons of waste per year, reducing the volume of waste by up to 90% prior to landfill disposal. Additionally, H-POWER is capable of generating up to 90 megawatts of reliable, renewable power for Oahu, reducing Hawaii's dependence on imported oil and advancing the State's commitment to a 100% renewable energy by 2045. It follows that waste-to-energy should be included among the solid waste management strategies that contribute to the solid waste reduction goal of the Aloha + Challenge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori M.K. Kahikina".

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



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAII

MĀLAMA I KA HONUA. *Cherish the Earth.*

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

January 31, 2019 8:30AM Room 325

In **SUPPORT** of **HB1016**: Relating to Solid Waste Disposal Goals

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and members of the committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **strongly supports HB 1016**, 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 seeking to reduce waste and consumption across the State like the 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 very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 1016**.

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



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP)

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
Rep. Tina Wildberger, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, January 31, 2019

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

RE: HB 1016 Relating to Solid Waste Disposal Goals

Aloha mai kakou Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 1016 relating to Solid Waste Disposal Goals.**

HB 1016 Updates the Department of Health's solid waste management goals to align with the Aloha+ Challenge of 70% solid waste reduction by Year 2030 by source reduction, recycling, and bioconversion.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment are essential. DPH supports a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. DPH supports the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. DPH believes in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

DPH believes in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. DPH supports programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling and waste reduction.

The conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawai'i's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint for the benefit of current and future generations. *Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform (2018), p. 17, In. 4-16.*

For the foregoing reasons, OCCLP supports HB 1016 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection.

Mahalo nui loa
Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: