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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB1085**  
**RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Hearing Date: February 7, 2019                      Room Number: 325

1    **Fiscal Implications:** Additional Deposit Beverage Container Program funding may be required  
2    for additional administrative duties.

3    **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health has the following comments on HB1085:

4            The deposit beverage distributors and manufacturers report and pay the deposit and  
5    container fee as a single check to the Department of Health for the Statewide sales of deposit  
6    beverages. However, under this measure deposit beverage distributors and manufacturers will be  
7    required to track sales in each county in order to report and pay the correct amount for deposit  
8    into each county subaccount.

9            Under this measure, the Department of Health would retain the majority of administrative  
10    duties. The Department of Health would continue to manage the collection of deposits and fees,  
11    financial reporting and reconciliation, issuance of permits, internal and external management of  
12    financial audits and certain enforcement activities. The Department of Health would need to  
13    expand the Deposit Beverage Container Program by creating and providing resources to track,  
14    audit, and interface with county deposit beverage container programs. It is not known if current  
15    revenue levels are sufficient or sustainable to support the Department of Health and counties  
16    deposit beverage container programs.

17    **Offered Amendments:** None

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

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February 5, 2019

TO: The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair  
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

FROM: Kelly T. King  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly King".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
HB 1085, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER  
PROGRAM**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize each county to manage the deposit beverage container program within its jurisdiction, authorize each county to retain any corresponding excess funds, and require deposit beverage distributor reports to include county-specific data. .

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. This measure would give counties an opportunity to take proactive steps in recycling, which would notably save energy and reduce pollution.
2. The money collected could fund projects that promote recyclable market development projects, the hiring of personnel to oversee the implementation of the deposit beverage container program, and associated office expenses.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

**HB-1085**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for EEP on 2/7/2019 9:00:00 AM

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Comments: