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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2404 HD1  
RELATING TO GRANTS FOR LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITIES**

REPRESENTATIVE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS  
Hearing Date: 2/12/2020 Room Number: 309

1 **Fiscal Implications:** State of Hawaii general revenues shall be appropriated for the  
2 Environmental Management Special Fund to establish and implement this grant program. This  
3 measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget Request for the  
4 Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and personnel priorities.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports HB2404 HD1 to incentivize the  
6 establishment of recycled products manufacturers, bioconversion businesses, or composting  
7 businesses within the State of Hawaii via a grant program. The State's small population,  
8 prohibitive land and infrastructure costs, and current recycling participation rates create  
9 significant challenges in the State. An established grant program that could alleviate some of  
10 these market challenges may facilitate the Department's landfill diversion efforts and potentially  
11 reduce the State's reliance on landfills and exports to manage its municipal waste.

12 The Department respectfully requests funding and approval for one permanent full-time  
13 position (Contracts Specialist, Program Specialist, or equivalent) to fulfill the procurement and  
14 contractual functions necessary to implement this grant program.

15 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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



To  
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS  
Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

February 12, 2020, 10:45 AM  
Conference Room 309

From:

Bruce Iverson, Director of Marketing and Development  
Reynolds Recycling, Inc.

**Testimony in support of HB 2404 H.D. 1**

Aloha,

As Hawaii's largest bottle and can recycling company, Reynolds Recycling supports any measure that would enhance recycling opportunities and help to improve the Hawaii Bottle Deposit Law, this measure does meet the above-mentioned goals.

Recycling is obviously the "right thing to do" whenever and wherever it can be done. We believe a grant program would be an effective way to promote recycling or other forms of waste reduction, and hope that this program will be part of that effective change in supporting community or business efforts to do exactly this.

For these reasons and more, we support your intent to keep Hawaii clean with HB 2404 H.D.1.

Bruce Iverson, Director of Marketing and Development  
Reynolds Recycling, Inc.



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To: The House Committee on Economic Development & Business  
From: Brodie Lockard, Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 10:45 am

**In strong support of HB 2404 HD1**

Dear Chair McKelvey, and members:

350Hawaii.org strongly supports HB 2404.

This bill requires the office of solid waste management to establish a recycling facility grant program.

Recycling needs to be incentivized in Hawaii. People can't recycle without a recycling facility. And it's difficult to open a recycling facility without financial assistance.

No one disagrees with recycling. The benefits are widely known. But getting it off the ground in some places is a challenge.

Please pass HB 2404 and give recycling in Hawaii a much-needed boost.

Brodie Lockard  
Founder, 350Hawaii.org

**HB-2404-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB2404. Tax credits will incentivize recycling, which will not only alleviate landfill issues, but help Hawaii's environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

**LATE**

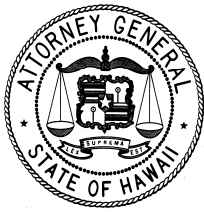
**HB-2404-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Phaethon Keeney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 2404, H.D. 1, RELATING TO GRANTS FOR LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITIES.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

**LATE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 12, 2020      **TIME:** 10:45 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 309

**TESTIFIER(S):** Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or  
Kathleen S. Ho, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

This bill proposes to incentivize the development of new recycled products manufacturing, bioconversion, or composting businesses by establishing a recycled products manufacturing grant program to assist in offsetting the cost of operations in Hawaii.

Section 2, page 2, lines 11-14, requires the Department of Health (DOH) to award grants to “recycled products manufacturers or bioconversion or composting businesses to assist them in offsetting the costs of operations within the State.” If the Legislature’s intention is to give the DOH the authority to award grants, section 4 of article VII of the State Constitution, requires that “[n]o grant of public money or property shall be made except pursuant to standards provided by law.”

Consequently, to establish a recycled products manufacturing grant program and provide for administrative grants, an additional section should be added to the bill setting forth the grant qualifications, standards, and conditions. Further, we suggest that this new section expressly except chapters 103D and 103F, HRS. Part II of chapter 9, HRS, and sections 10-17, 210D-11, and 383-128, HRS, are examples of administrative grant standards provided by law.

Finally, we suggest that moneys appropriated out of the general revenues of the State as described in section 4, page 6, lines 4-10, be deposited into the environmental management special fund established by 342G-63, HRS, with the following appropriation language inserted into section 4, page 6, lines 4-8, of this bill.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$     or so much thereof as may necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be deposited into the environmental management special fund.”

We would also suggested replacing section 4, line 9-10 with the following:

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out the environmental management special fund the sum of \$     or so much thereof as may necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the recycled products manufacturing grant program. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purpose of this Act.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.