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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0562 HD1
RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION WASTE**

REPRESENTATIVE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
Hearing Date: February 13, 2019 Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown

2 **Department Testimony:** This bill proposes to task the Department of Health (Department) with
3 convening a working group to develop recommendations on how to implement a requirement for
4 the reuse, recycling, or donation of construction waste. The Department offers the following
5 comments:

6 The Department of Health supports this measure. We also note that this measure may
7 impact the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget Request for the Department's
8 appropriations and personnel priorities.

9 **Offered Amendments:** None

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

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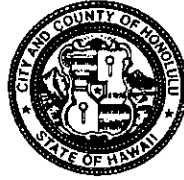
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February 12, 2019

The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

House
State Capitol, Room 329
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 562 H.D.1, Relating to Construction Waste

The purpose of House Bill No. 562 HD1 is to "require the department of health to convene a construction waste reuse and recycling working group to develop recommendations on how to implement a requirement for the reuse, recycling, or donation of construction waste." The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) agrees that construction waste should be reused and recycled to the maximum practical extent.

However, DDC respectfully **opposes** House Bill No. 562 HD1 for several reasons, including the following:

- The construction industry is already making significant progress in this regard, motivated to increase recycling and reuse of materials by the high cost of construction waste disposal. Construction materials including concrete, asphalt, aggregate, steel, and wood are routinely recycled by construction contractors to avoid paying for disposal in a landfill or at H-Power.
- There is room for improvement in the area of increasing reuse over material recycling, but solutions to this challenge are market specific and would be better addressed at the county level than by new State regulations.
- This bill is unnecessary. A Department of Health working group is not the appropriate level at which to improve the economic and other incentives to increase construction material reuse and recycling.

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- The effort of the proposed new working group has the potential to divert resources away from other Department of Health environmental programs that would yield a greater benefit, such as hazardous waste management and cleanup, enforcement of illegal dumping, watershed management, Clean Water Act administration, etc.

DDC typically has approximately 120 active construction contracts under management at any given time. For new building projects, the City and County of Honolulu requires compliance with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver requirements, which is a much more practical method of addressing environmental impacts, such as reuse and recycling of construction waste than additional State regulations (Revised Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu 1990, Section 2-9.3).

Based on the above considerations, DDC respectfully **opposes** House Bill No. 562 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opposition to this bill.

Very truly yours,


Robert J. Kroning, P.E.
Director



**TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
State Capitol, Conference Room 329
415 South Beretania Street
2:00 PM**

February 13, 2019

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 562 HD 1, RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION WASTE

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee:

My name is Gladys Quinto-Marrone, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. Our members build the communities we all call home.

BIA-Hawaii **supports the intent** of H.B. 562 HD 1, which would require the Department of Health to convene a construction waste reuse and recycling working group to determine how to implement a requirement for the reuse, recycling, or donation of construction waste.

Recycling of demolition materials is currently being done by the processes used by the various landfills in the types of demolition materials they will accept for disposal. Reuse and resale of construction waste is done on a case by case basis due to the additional cost and time required to deconstruct improvements.

We would suggest that the working group look for creative ways to incentivize the market to move the market toward reuse, recycling and/or donating construction waste to minimize impacts on landfills.

We support the intent of H.B. 562 HD 1, and appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this matter.

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Testimony for CPC on 2/13/2019 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
ON
FEBRUARY 13, 2019, 2:00 P.M.

H.B.562 H.D.1
RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION WASTE

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 562. H.B.1

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of this bill to convene a construction waste reuse and recycling working group. This working group would determine how to implement a program for the reuse, recycling, and donation of construction waste.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 562 HD1 RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION WASTE

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") supports the intent of HB 562 HD1, which requires the Department of Health to convene a construction waste reuse and recycling working group to determine how to implement a requirement for the reuse, recycling, or donation of construction waste.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

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We would appreciate if the working group would look for creative ways to "Incentivize" the market to move the market toward reuse, recycling and/or donating construction waste to minimize impacts on landfills.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 — 2:00 p.m. — Room 329

Ulupono Initiative Supports the Intent of HB 562 HD 1 with a Comment, Relating to Construction Waste

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, 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 the intent of HB 562 HD 1 with a comment, which requires the Department of Health to convene a construction waste reuse and recycling working group focusing on construction waste, because it aligns with our goal of reducing waste in Hawai'i.

This bill is a crucial step to help Hawai'i become more sustainable, self-reliant and resilient. Construction and demolition waste is the single largest contributor to our waste stream in Hawai'i, representing 30 percent of all the material going into the landfill. On O'ahu alone, more than 400 structures are demolished each year. Only 10 percent of these are deconstructed and salvaged for reuse.

The production and shipping of building materials consume a tremendous amount of energy. When these items are kept out of the landfill and preserved for reuse, all the energy that was invested into them is also saved. For every ton of wood products that are salvaged in Hawai'i, 60 pounds of greenhouse gases are avoided by reducing the need to harvest and produce new products.

These salvaged materials also become an affordable community resource, helping local low to moderate-income Hawai'i families, especially those that cannot afford to buy new materials.

Ulupono recommends expanding the working group to have a better balance of industry and actual recyclers. Right now, there is only one slot for a recycler and it is not specific to

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construction and demolition waste. There should be at least two spots for recyclers already involved with construction and demolition waste like Re-Use Hawai'i on O'ahu and Hawai'i Materials Recycling on Maui, as examples. There are several other companies involved in wood, metals, aggregate and other construction and demolition reuse and recycling that could also be included.

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



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

February 13, 2019 2:00 p.m. Room 329

In **SUPPORT** of **HB 562 HD1**: Relating to construction waste

Aloha Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i is **in support** of HB 562 HD1, which would require the Department of Health to convene a construction waste reuse and recycling working group to determine how to implement a requirement for the reuse, recycling, or donation of construction waste.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i is committed to supporting efforts seeking to reduce waste and consumption across the islands, that initiate on-island recycling and processing, and that explore innovative ways to upcycle and reuse various waste materials. In this case, we advocate for diverting construction waste away from the landfill or to H-POWER by reuse, recycling, or donation. We realize there is a need to address the issue of construction waste, as it can have negative impacts on the natural environment. Due to comments on previous testimony, we believe a working group is the best way to begin working on this issue. Our communities have come so far in their support for recycling programs, and *we should continue moving toward a zero waste Hawai'i in a way that is clean, efficient, and causes minimal harm to the environment.*

We urge the committee to pass this measure, which will serve our collective efforts to reduce waste across the state.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 562 HD1**

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