

SB-2817-SD-1

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Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2020 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jane Sugimura	Testifying for Hawaii Council for Assoc. of Apt. Owners	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a terrible bill because (i) it assumes (without evidence) that people who live in high-rise buildings pour cooking oil down their drains, (ii) where would you put the receptacle that would be convenient to the residents in the building and to the waste hauler who has to remove its contents, (iii) wherever the receptacle would be located, it would attract bugs and vermin, (iv) are there, in fact, waste haulers who would remove this grease and oil and (v) this law is unnecessary because there are products on the market that solidify cooking oil so that that it can be disposed of as rubbish. For all of these reasons, HCCA asks that you defer action on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Emery	Testifying for Associa	Oppose	No

Comments:

This Bill ignores reality:

- No one is currently offering this service and no one knows the costs.
- In fact no one has provided any data on the anticipated volume that may or may not exist.
- The Association is supposed to set out a receptacle and an area for occupants to place used cooking oil. Thus, the occupant must put the oil in their container, go to the association's receptacle and pour it in the master receptacle. Certainly dirty and a fire hazard.
- The oil amounts used for a family are relatively small, do you really think anyone will do this? Particulary when products are sold to convert oil to hard waste and just put in the regular trash.
- What if the association does not have an area? What about the fire hazard?

It is not a practical solution. We oppose the Bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edan Grimsley	Testifying for Mid-Pacific	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a condo owner, resident, and board member I was shocked to see this bill. It is a solution to a problem that does not exist. Why is this bill directed against Association high-rise properties. What about all State, City and other low rise and townhouse projects.

Many shopping centers, malls, strip malls, etc. are not renting to food establishments because of issues with grease traps.

Have you found establishments that will collect the waste. Does the waste have to be pure? How can this be enforced. Where will the buildings store the material. Oftentimes the high rises are built with little unused space. Try to set up upgrades for fire prevention and there is no room to put the required equipment.

It appears this is the result of a project at Mid Pacific Institute and the youngsters want to impose draconian measures on tax paying residents who see their maintenance fees increasing exponentially annually because aging buildings are undergoing upgrades to fire alarm systems, major spalling repairs that run in the millions of dollars, increased water and sewer fees, high trash removal fees, etc. We can't pay for all this. And don't forget rail and the extra excise tax. Enough already. Please stop this idiocy now. I applaud the youngsters getting involved, but they have not thought out the implications.

Please defeat this bill now.

Lynne Matusow

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raelene Tenno	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this bill

There are disposable containers to properly dispose of cooking grease

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Hearing Date: February 20, 2020, 10:00 am

Hannah Miyasaki

Support for S.B. No. 2817, Relating to High Rise Condominium Cooking Oil Waste

Last semester, our 10th grade MPx STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific Institute focused on waste management and the variety of challenges we face with waste in Hawai'i. We strongly support S.B. No. 2817 relating to high rise condominium cooking oil waste, which would allow residents to effectively recycle cooking oil waste that would otherwise be thrown away.

In regards to the current food waste recycling law, there is room for improvement. This current law only requires large producers of food waste such as restaurants, hotels, and hospitals to recycle food waste that includes vegetable/fruit waste, dairy/meat waste, and cooking oil. The current law fails to include regular citizens as part of the food waste recycling program. Once this bill is passed, normal citizens that live in high rise condominiums will have the opportunity to reduce the amount of food waste that ends up in the city's disposal sites.

In expanding the impact of the Food Waste Law, we create improved opportunities for the sustainability of our natural environment, which is vital to the people of Hawai'i for a more sustainable future. Therefore, we urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2817. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lukas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, chair

Senator Stanley Chang, vice chair

Hearing date: Feb 20, 2020

Hearing time: 10:00 pm

Lukas Kuypers

Support for S.B. No. 2817, Relating to Waste

Our humanities and STEM class here at Mid-Pacific strongly support this bill that will introduce a different way to approach recycling by gathering the various fats and oils used in everyday life. This would allow for a high rise to have an accessible location that residents in the building could deposit grease and cooking oils that have been used. A waste hauler that will be permitted by the county shall collect the waste and dispose of it.

Currently many households regularly dispose of grease and waste cooking oils that could be reused and recycled. This is a small step to create another energy source on the island. This will also not be hard to accomplish as many will only have to dispose of waste. The actual process of receiving the contents of each building requires minimal effort for those working to collect and dispose of each building's waste.

In support of recycling everyday household waste, we can utilize a efficient energy that is commonly thrown out and disregarded. With this bill waste can be reduced and a form of renewable energy comes to light. We urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2817. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Sen. Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hearing Date: February 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m

Logan Miyasaki

Support for S.B. No. 2548, Relating to Waste

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific Institute learned about waste management this past semester. We strongly support S.B. No. 2548 relating to high rises and their cooking oil, which would require buildings with seven stories or more to provide cooking oil receptacles; this would allow for increased amounts of recycled cooking oil.

In regards to Hawaii's current waste management program, there is a lot of room for improvement. The cooking oil receptacles have the potential to be an important resource Hawaii's high rises use to better the environment. Currently, Hawaii lacks a bill for accessible cooking oil waste bins for residents too conveniently dispose of their waste. Once this bill gets passed, residents of high rises will be able to contribute to helping Hawaii's waste management problem.

By creating easily accessible places for cooking oil to be disposed of, we are creating opportunities for community members to become more involved in Hawaii's waste management problem, which is vital to the people of Hawaii for future generations. We urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2548. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Sen. Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs Hearing Date: February 5, 2020, 10:00 AM

Conference Room 229 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Jordan Lampitelli

Support for S.B. No. 2817, relating to the waste oil re-use.

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific Institute have been evaluating on the idea of repurposing waste cooking oils.

We've partook in multiple school assignments in which required us to research ways in which we can repurpose materials which would normally be dumped as waste. Our class strongly supports S.B. No. 2817 about the collection of waste oil receptacles in high-rise properties (any property containing seven or more stories). High rises will be collected by a hauler through an organized schedule. The oils in which are collected from the high rises would be repurposed into diesel fuel. Waste oil now is discarded and not properly maintained. From any collected oil, the result would be (progressively) lower prices in diesel fuels.

In passing this bill, we have an opportunity to repurpose normally wasted material into something that will progressively help our economy. We highly urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2817. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rose Matsunaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Hearing Date: February 20, 2020, 10:00a.m

Rose Matsunaga

Support for S.B. No. 2817, relating to waste.

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific Institute have been learning about ecology and civics through our work with He'eia Fishpond. We strongly support S.B. No. 2817 relating to waste, which would require high-rise condominium properties to provide at least one waste cooking oil receptacle in an accessible location.

This new access to a receptacle for waste cooking oil, will lessen the amount that escapes into the environment and will help protect Oahu's environment and culture. This act will take effect upon its approval.

With this act, we are creating more a eco friendly way of properly getting rid of waste. Residents of a building consisting of seven stories or more can throw away their waste easier. We urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2817. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Emi Dubrawski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker Chair

Sen. Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Committee on Agriculture and Environment

February 20 2020 10:00am

Emi Dubrawski

Support for SB. No. 2871

In our 10th grade Science STEM and Humanities classes at the school of Mid Pacific Institute we have worked by doing numerous projects on our awareness of our environment and economy. As a class decision we do strongly support S.B. No. 2817. By having this bill go through this will ensure the awareness of saving the wasted cooking oils while supporting and also raising economical awareness for our community. While helping to solve the matter of wasted food oils in our island.

In the current bill it states that restaurants are recommended to give their oils to the food waste industry but it is very rare to see households doing the same thing. By accepting this bill this will allow us to save the unused renewable food oils to help better our ecosystem. Right now our island is at a wasteful point so by allowing us to throw out all

of our used oil so by having this bill, it will have people realize that they can save and help support our environment.

In closing, if this bill gets accepted the island of Hawaii will be just a little bit more environmentally friendly. Allowing people to have an area to put used oils can save more money for our economy, by also having a healthier way of disposing wasted food oils. We highly recommend the committee to pass SB. No. 2871. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Sen. Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hearing Date: February 20, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

Zachary Severson

Support for S.B. No. 2817, Relating to Waste

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid-Pacific Institute have been learning about waste and waste research through our work with H Power and the staff at the Waimanalo Gulch. We strongly support S.B. No. 2817 relating to Waste, which would make the association of any high rise properties (any property consisting of seven stories or more) provide at least one waste cooking oil receptacle in an easily accessible location on the property to allow residents to deposit grease and waste cooking oil.

In our attempts to become more sustainable, improving ways to create more biofuel should be a top priority. Biofuels do not harm our environment as much as fossil fuels. We also could have an indefinite supply of biofuels while we only have a limited amount of fossil fuels on this planet. Fossil fuels also cost more money to acquire where as anybody could grow or make biofuel. If this bill gets passed our state would reap the benefits of renewable, environmentally friendly and economically stable.

We must take steps, even if it's small steps, to improve the health of our land and the sustainability of our economy. We urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 1526. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Date: Thursday February 20, 2020
Time: 10:00 am

Arden Ono

Support for S.B No. 2817, Relating to DLNR

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific institute have been learning more about sustainability, and energy use through our projects with waste management. We strongly support S.B No. 2817 relating to the use of waste cooking oil receptacles, which would enforce any high rise property provide a cooking oil receptacle in a easy accessible location. This will allow residents to deposit grease and waste they produce.

In regards to the use of waste cooking oil receptacles there is lots do room for improvement. This new rule doses not require the people to actually recycle their grease and cooking oil. This new rule will hopefully teach people to be more environmentally aware and sustainable. It will hopefully encourage people to give something they have no use for, such as cooking oil and turn it into something good like energy. Once the bill has passed people will not have an excuse to donate their grease because it is now convenient.

In passing the bill for the use of waste cooking oil receptacles, we are creating a convenient easy assessable way to give away your cooking oil and grease. We are creating opportunities for the stewardship of our environment which means a lot to the people of Hawaii, in many different aspects. We are becoming more sustainable and environmentally aware one step at a time. We urge the committee to pass S.B No. 2817. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Jaydon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Committee(s): Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: 2/20/2020 at 10:00AM in conference room 229

Jaydon Laboy

support of SB2817, relating to “waste cooking oil; condominium High-Rises, waste receptacles”

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific Institute have been learning about waste disposal and biofuel through our time at Hpower. We strongly support S.B No. 2817 relating to “waste cooking oil; condominium High-Rises, waste receptacles” Which would appropriate citizens provide at least one waste cooking oil receptacle in an easily accessible location on the property easily accessible by residents to deposit grease and other cooking oil. This would allow for increased use in biofuel.

Biofuel provides a lot of benefits to our economy by providing multiple jobs that will reduce greenhouse gasses which will benefit our environment. Biofuels pose less of a risk to human health, provide economic benefit, and they are more readily available and sustainable. When this bill is passed the economy will be benefited because of increased jobs, and the environment will be benefited because of safer emissions.

Biofuel would impact our environment in a good way and would ensure the security of our beautiful natural world. Biofuels would reduce air pollution. Our natural resources are vital to Oahu from a cultural, social and economical standpoint. We urge the committee to pass number S.B 2817. Thank you for this opportunity to testify, and have a nice day.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elijah Solidum	Testifying for Mid Pacific	Support	No

Comments:

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 1:30 PM

Conference Room 224 State Capitol 415 South Beretania St

Elijah Solidum

Support S.B. No. 2817, Relating to Waste

Our 10th grade Stem and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific Institute have been learning about indigenous people and through that learned a lot about environmental issues that happened back then and that are still happening now. My class strongly supports S.B. No. 2548 that will help Create diesel fuel. And we believe without this act there will be a lot of diesel fuel going to waste.

In regards to the S.B. No. 2817, I believe this bill needs to be passed because it will help lower prices for diesel fuel and that will help are economy. People from high rises will be able to take their grease to a dump and that grease will then be used for diesel fuel. It is easy to do and with enough effort from the people will help a lot of diesel fuel companies and what not. Once this bill is passed we will be able to save more resources for Hawaii

In expanding the capabilities of the bill that will allow high rise residents to put their left over grease in a dump that will be used for diesel fuel. This can be very vital to the people of Hawaii and diesel fuel companies

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Ryder	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice chair

Committee on agriculture and environment

Hearing date: February 20, 2020, 10:00am

Ryder Akimoto

Support for S.B 2817, Relating to waste

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific Institute have been learning about waste and waste management through our work with Waimanalo Gulch. We strongly support S.B. NO. 2817 relating to the waste, which would allow residents to deposit grease and waste cooking oil. The association of any high-rise property shall provide at least one waste cooking oil receptacle in an easily accessible location on the property.

In regards to the Waste cooking oil receptacle, cooking oil can cause devastating physical effects. This bill has the potential to be a efficient way of helping Oahu's environment. If approved, we can recycle the oil than use the recycled oil for biofuels. That includes generation and heating. Besides biofuels, it will also result in less used oil being disposed in our drains. This will cause clogs in the sewage lines from all of the build up of fats. Once this bill gets passed, we will not be spending as much money on electricity and clogged drains.

In expanding our ways of helping the environment, we are creating new and smart ways of doing our best which is vital to the people culturally. We urge the committee to pass S.B. 2817. Thank you for the opportunity to testify

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam Polivka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Committee(s) on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020, 10:00 AM

Samuel Polivka

Support for S.B. No. 2817, Relating to waste

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific Institute have been learning about waste disposal and biofuel through our work with H-POWER. We strongly support S.B. No. 2817 relating to cooking waste, which would require high-rise condominium properties to provide one waste cooking oil receptacle.

In regards to the waste cooking oil bill, this bill will be very valuable to lots of people. It will open up a new way for people to responsibly dispose of their cooking oils. Currently most people living in Hawaii dispose of their cooking oils by pouring it down the drain. This then causes problems, cooking oil can block plumbing and piping, which allows for sewage backup into homes and businesses. Once this bill gets passed, this problem can be helped substantially.

By passing this bill many residents in Hawaii will benefit. We urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2817. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Sen. Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hearing Date: February 20, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Kea Crumpton

Support for S.B. No. 2817, Relating to waste

Our 10th grade STEM and Humanities classes at Mid Pacific have been learning about waste and how to control it through our work with Waimanalo Gulch and H-Power. Our class strongly supports S.B. No. 2817 relating to waste to regulate the amount of waste that us humans create.

There are too many restaurants in hawaii that waste their cooking oil and don't reuse it for a better purpose. We shouldn't waste our oil and waste money on purchasing new oil every time. This requirement can help people create a habit to not waste and recycle their oil. It can also help the people that need oil for cooking instead of wasting perfectly good oil. Once this bill gets passed, then it will reduce the amount of cooking oil that gets wasted.

In explaining the benefits of reusing our cooking oil, we are creating opportunities for our community to create new habits to help our environment. We urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2817. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT

Senator Rosalyn H. Barker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice chair
Committee on agriculture and environment
Hearing date: Thursday 20, 2020, 10:AM

Kaimana Balding

Support for S.B. NO.

The 10th grade MPX class and I strongly support the 5143 Bill that basically says any high-rise property that shall provide at least one waist cooking oil garbage catch and an easy accessible area that is in a good spot but it is accessible by all residents. our 10th grade class made podcasts on waste management and this is what we wanted to focus our bill on and that is why we chose Greece because it is very harmful and we thought we could do something about it.

Since we do not have any grease garbage throw away places this will be a good start. I think that this bill would help because high-rises have the most amount of people especially here in Hawaii. I think that people would want to help the environment and put their grease into the garbage just like how they do recycling. every big thing or smart idea has to start off somewhere so I think that this should be our first step.

Overall I think the 5143 bill would be a great idea that benefits the whole island. Putting a grease can at every high-rise over 3 flors would be a good idea and benefit everyone. Thank you for your time.