

**HB-516-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joe Hammond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. I believe that a lot of older (but still functioning) technologies are wasted in storage, not recycled, and/or not thrown away/disposed correctly. With this bill it would allow for these wasted technologies to be donated and used by other people who can make use of them.

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Forest Frizzell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

I strongly support this bill. There is ample opportunity for us to repurpose and keep electronics out of landfills.

Mahalo,

Forest



STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Date:** 02/17/2021

**Time:** 02:00 PM

**Location:** 309 Via Videoconference

**Committee:** House Higher Education &  
Technology

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 0516, HD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS  
MANAGEMENT.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires persons who receive state funds and state financial assistance to donate unnecessary but functioning electronic devices, hardware, and televisions to nonprofit organizations that will refurbish and distribute them to eligible persons in the State. Sets reporting requirements for donating entities, nonprofit refurbishers, and the department of accounting and general services. Sets penalties for violations. Effective 7/1/2112. (HD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 516, HD1 requiring recipients of state funds and financial assistance to donate unnecessary but functional electronic devices, hardware, and televisions for refurbishment and distribution to eligible persons in the State.

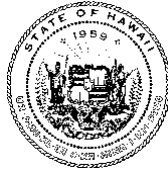
Access to devices and technology resources for low-income families and other populations in need of access is a long-standing issue. The issue became more evident with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which required the people of the state to work and learn remotely. The Department appreciates that this measure recognizes the need for access to technology resources by proposing a cost-efficient solution that is also sustainable and environmentally responsible.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. This is achieved through targeted

work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 2:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 309 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 516, HD1

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS MANAGEMENT

Chair Takeyama, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 516, HD1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent for electronics stewardship and the reduction of electronic waste through the donation of unnecessary but functioning devices to nonprofit organizations. DAGS would like to offer the following **comments**.

DAGS has concerns regarding the unintended liability issues that non-profit organizations may file against the State should the donated equipment malfunction. In addition, DAGS is concerned with the ongoing expenses that would be required to perform the stated administrative duties to dispose of State assets to the non-profit sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

**Testimony for HB516 - RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS MANAGEMENT**

Position : Strong **Support of the bill.**

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Curtis Kropar, Executive Director of the non profit organization, Hawaiian Hope Org.

As you may know, Hawaiian Hope Org has been refurbishing computers in Hawaii for 14 years now. We take in donated computers, fix them up and then redistribute them to other non profit organizations, local families and students for home.

This photo to the right is one of our distribution events for Christmas 2019, where we gave away 375 computer to the students of a school in Ewa Beach. The computers are for the students to take home, not for the school. This ensures that not only the students will have access to a computer when they need it, but the whole family can benefit from having a computer in the home.



To our knowledge, Hawaiian Hope Org is the single largest refurbisher of computers in the state.

In 2018 we produced over 1,000 computers,  
and, in 2019 we produced over 1,800 computers.

With this bill, HB516, we, and other non profits in Hawaii, could now have the opportunity to get access to a much larger quantity of computers from the state, that are otherwise often discarded as eWaste. We estimate this to be over 40,000 devices a year and we appreciate your efforts to make it happen and help us get even more computers and technology into the hands of the people that need it.

**With this, Hawaiian Hope Org expresses our strong support for HB516.**

Thank you !  
We are available to answer any questions you may have.

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Audrey Hidano	Department of Accounting and General Services	Support	No

Comments:

I am available for comments. Testifying on behalf of DAGS/Comptroller Curt Otaguro.