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Testimony in SUPPORT of SCR0023
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
DIVISION TO ENSURE THAT DESTINATIONS TO WHICH THE STATE'S
RECYCLABLE WASTE IS TRANSPORTED FOR OUT-OF-STATE PROCESSING
ABIDE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AS OUTLINED BY THE
BASEL CONVENTION

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Hearing Date: 3/19/2021 Room Number: Via Videoconference

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports SCR0023 to ensure that
- 3 international destinations to which the State's recyclable plastic waste is transported for
- 4 processing abide by the 2021 amendments to the Basel Convention on the Control of
- 5 Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.
- 6 **Offered Amendments:** None.
- 7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TO:
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: March 19, 2021
TIME: 1:05pm
PLACE: Via Videoconference

RE: SCR23 / SR12 Urging the Department of Health's Environmental Management Division to ensure that the destinations to which the State's recyclables waste is transported or out-of-state processing abide by the environmental standards outlines by the Basel Convention

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of these resolutions. Recyclable materials are a valuable resource and new technologies and developments are creating options for more effective and efficient recycling. We believe the ultimate goal of our State's waste management efforts should be to have affordable recycling options here in Hawaii for materials including glass, plastic, paper, and metal. Until those options can be created it makes sense to ensure that our recyclable materials are sent to locations where they can be responsibly processed for reuse. We thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2021 10:10:13 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/19/2021 1:05:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lois Crozer | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Yes, love this. Of course! And let's also reduce what we send.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2021 10:37:25 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/19/2021 1:05:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kelsey Amos | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Let's be responsible global citizens with our plastic waste.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:19:14 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/19/2021 1:05:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Dana Keawe | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support scr23