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**Testimony COMMENTING on HCR0190 HD1
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A DEMOLITION
WASTE REDUCTION WORKING GROUP.**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** This resolution will impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and
3 personnel priorities.

4 **Department Position:** The Department offers the following comments.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Management Division, Solid and Hazardous Waste
6 Branch (EMD-SHWB) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

7 The Department supports the idea of ensuring alternative waste management options,
8 especially given the pending closure of Oahu's construction and demolition waste landfill, and
9 strongly support source reduction and circular economies as preferable approaches.

10 However, we are currently committed to conduct four (4) studies that include a
11 statewide waste characterization study and two deposit beverage container rate studies in the
12 next two (2) years. Furthermore, based on remaining active measures, we may be required to
13 concurrently conduct or participate in two (2) additional working groups.

14 In addition, we lack the planning staff available to conduct another working group. We
15 generally have one (1) position identified for solid waste planning and that position is currently

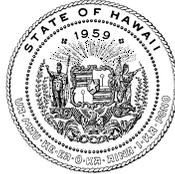
1 vacant. We recognize that solid waste planning is important, and have initiated a branch
2 reorganization so that a planning section with a staff of three (3) can be created to provide
3 greater emphasis on this priority. Until the reorganization is completed, additional positions
4 cannot be created.

5 Given our resource constraints, we will not be able to fulfill this resolution without
6 funding for contract services. If funding and resources are provided, we prefer to first focus on
7 the pending closure of the construction demolition landfill, through evaluation of existing
8 alternative management options which prioritize source reduction and recycling approaches to
9 address immediate needs.

10 **Offered Amendments:** None

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this concurrent resolution.

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A DEMOLITION
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Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Members of the Committee,
thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.C.R. 190, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** this
measure which will establish a working group that will help to make actionable
recommendations, including reviewing potential approaches, proposing solutions, and
prioritizing actions to promote deconstruction, materials reuse, and waste reduction.

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