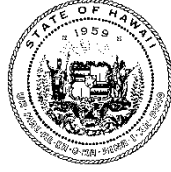


HB 523

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H.B. 523

RELATING TO RECYCLING.

Chairs Gabbard and Kim, Vice Chairs Riviere and Ruderman, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 523.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) appreciates the intent of the bill, but offers concerns for the committees' consideration.

1. DAGS Does Not Provide Recycling Services to All State Agencies: The measure requires each agency to comply with the recycling requirements; however, only DAGS is being provided funding for the program. DAGS does not provide custodial maintenance services to all state agencies.

DAGS manages, maintains, and services state facilities and properties under executive order, statute, or by memorandum of agreement, not simply because they are state-owned assets. And there are several state agencies that provide custodial services to their own facilities and properties, to which DAGS has no access to. These agencies that have their own custodial maintenance staff include the Judiciary, the University of Hawaii system, and divisions of the Department of

Transportation. Funding should be provided to these, and any other agency, that are not serviced by DAGS.

2. Projected Costs: DAGS currently recycles paper and cardboard at about fifteen facilities, and pays over \$90,000, annually, for pick up. At each facility, one or two bins are located on each floor, and custodial staff is tasked to move and transfer the material to bins that are used for contractor collection. This measure would add the recycling of plastics and deposit beverage containers. Using the same costs for pick up for plastics and beverage containers, (\$6,000 per facility) and, averaged staff costs (one custodian, \$40,000 annual salary, working half a day collecting the materials at each facility), we would need more than \$32,000 per facility.

If this is provided for 2,000 facilities, statewide, over \$64 million in funding would be required annually. More may be required if the contractor pricing for the neighbor islands is higher. Additional funding will be required in the first year and less thereafter to purchase, maintain and replace the collection receptacles.

It should also be noted that although we currently recycle paper and cardboard, it is unknown what state-wide recycling will do to the local demand for these products, as well as the other products added by the measure. Collection prices may increase if we exceed the local demand and must then find alternative, more costly ways, to recycle the excess materials.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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To: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Government Operations

From: Tim Shestek, Senior Director
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RE: HB 523 – SUPPORT

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) is writing in support of HB 523, which would require all state agencies to provide and maintain collection methods for recyclable materials at all buildings and facilities.

The Plastics Division of the ACC represents the leading manufacturers of plastic resin and packaging products. Plastics inspire countless innovations that help make life better, healthier and safer every day. Plastics are a valuable resource and ACC is continually working to ensure that plastic materials are responsibly used and then recycled whenever possible.

Since 1990, the plastics industry has invested more than \$2 billion to support increased recycling and educate communities in the United States. We strongly support litter education and prevention, waste minimization and increased access to recycling. HB 523 seeks to increase access to recycling by placing collection bins for recyclable materials in all state agency buildings and facilities. Efforts such as this help to reduce what ends up in our landfills, oceans, and waterways.

Thank you in advance for considering our views. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-448-2581 or via email at Tim_Shestek@americanchemistry.com. You may also contact ACC's Hawaii based representative Red Morris at 808-531-4551.



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