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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3144 SD2
RELATING TO GRANTS FOR LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITIES

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Hearing Date: 3/12/2020

Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** State of Hawaii general revenues shall be appropriated for the
2 Environmental Management Special Fund to establish and implement this grant program. This
3 measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget Request for the
4 Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and personnel priorities.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports SB3144 SD2 to incentivize the
6 establishment of recycled products manufacturers, bioconversion businesses, or composting
7 businesses within the State of Hawaii via a grant program. The State's small population,
8 prohibitive land and infrastructure costs, and current recycling participation rates create
9 significant challenges in the State. An established grant program that could alleviate some of
10 these market challenges may facilitate the Department's landfill diversion efforts and potentially
11 reduce the State's reliance on landfills and exports to manage its municipal waste.

12 The Department respectfully suggests amending the proposed bill to incentivize the
13 development of new recycling, bioconversion, or composting businesses within the State of
14 Hawaii.

15 **Offered Amendments:** None.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Pono Hawai'i Initiative

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Thursday, March 12, 2020

Relating to Grants for Local Recycling Facilities
Testifying in Support with amendments

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

The Pono Hawai'i Initiative (PHI) **supports with amendment SB3144, SD2 Relating to Grants for Local Recycling Facilities**, which requires the office of Solid Waste Management to establish a recycling facility grant program.

Any measure that can help encourage green initiatives should be supportive. Hawai'i has a finite amount of space and as a community we need to do what we can to preserve it. By incentivizing the development of new recycling, bioconversion, or composting businesses within the State we can help to reduce our contributions to climate change.

For all these reasons, we urge you to move this bill forward with a **clean effective date**.

Mahalo for the opportunity,
Gary Hooser
Executive Director
Pono Hawai'i Initiative



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 325
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.**

To The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair;
The Honorable Tina Wildberger, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

**COMMENTS ON SB3144 RELATING TO
GRANTS FOR LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITIES**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our comments on SB3144.

We wholeheartedly support this concept because we feel there is great opportunity for more recycling, waste reduction, bioconversion and composting in each County of the State. However, we were looking for additional details in this bill. While it notes that individual grants can be up to \$750,000, we would like to see that grants are made available to each County. We would also like to see a timeframe for programs, better understand who qualifies for such grants and the anticipated overall program costs including management, staffing, marketing of the program and executing and monitoring of grants.

We look forward to supporting a revised bill with additional details included. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

SB-3144-SD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB3144. Recycling helps lower pollution, and plastics are extremely pernicious since they leach suspected carcinogens and neurotoxins. Studies show some of these toxins are slowly accumulating in the fatty tissues of humans and other animals. Additionally, most plastics are not biodegradable and only degrade into smaller pieces, thereby contaminating the lowest levels of the food web.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui