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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1640
RELATING TO RECYCLING**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Hearing Date: 2/3/2022 Room Number: Videoconference

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure will not 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 Testimony:** The Department supports this measure as it aims to improve the
- 5 current electronic waste recycling program by creating recycling goals for all covered electronics
- 6 manufacturers, sets convenience requirements for manufacturers' recycling plans, combines the
- 7 covered electronic device and covered television programs into one comprehensive program, and
- 8 requires manufacturers to fully fund their recycling plan including the collection, transportation,
- 9 and recycling of their electronic devices.

- 10 **Offered Amendments:** None

- 11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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February 2, 2022

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Rep. Nicole Lowen, Chair

Rep. Lisa Marten, Vice Chair

Hawai'i State Capitol

Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of House Bill (HB) 1640 Relating to Recycling, which expands definition of electronic devices to be recycled, establishes goals for covered electronic recycling, penalties for manufacturers not meeting goals and convenience requirements for electronic recycling.

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten and Committee Members,

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management is pleased to submit testimony in **support of House Bill 1640** that strengthens and expands the current Electronic Waste and Television Recycling and Recovery Act.

House Bill (HB) 1640 would 1) expand the definition of electronic devices to be recycled under the amended law; 2) establish electronics recovery goals based on prior sales of the manufacturer's products in the State; 3) establish financial incentives based on weights for those manufacturers that do not meet their goals; 4) establish certification requirements to meet environmental standards; and 5) most importantly require minimum convenience levels for Neighbor Island electronics recycling.

The County of Hawai'i recommends that a sufficiently high collection rate be implemented to ensure a sustainable recovery rate that keeps up with rapid obsolescence in electronic devices. The County of Hawai'i would also prefer that the minimum frequency of collection services be increased to monthly for §339D-23 (b)(3) and that more entertainment electronics be included in the definition of an electronic device. We look forward to working with the legislature and all interested parties to strengthen our electronics recycling law to increase diversion from our limited landfill space, protecting our environment and enhancing recycling options for our Hawai'i Island residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

February 2, 2022

Best Regards,



Ramzi I. Mansour
DIRECTOR

cc: Mayor Mitchell Roth
Mike Kaha, Hawai'i County Solid Waste Division Chief TA
Sanne Berrig, Hawai'i County Recycling Coordinator

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 4:45:09 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/3/2022 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Great idea

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 2:16:11 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/3/2022 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

They should not come under any thing to do with the Department of Health.

This just becomes to much Government Control witch we need to do with out!

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Submitted on: 2/2/2022 7:31:49 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/3/2022 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sanne Berrig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testifying as a private citizen who works in the field of waste diversion on Hawai'i Island, this bill provides much needed funding to divert materials from the landfill to recover valuable materials to be recycled. The bill revisits existing regulations and improves our ability to divert and recycle e-waste.

Mahalo,

Sanne Berrig

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Submitted on: 2/2/2022 7:44:47 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/3/2022 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Georjean Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The state should improve its producer responsibility program for electronic devices. This needs to include adequate fees to cover county collection programs and/or support for private collection, clear public education on what is accepted where, robust and convenient collection. It is key that requirements on producers that are clear and do not present an undue burden to the degree that Hawaii residents are no longer able to obtain useful products. This bill needs some additional crafting with affected stakeholders to meet those goals.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2022 8:57:49 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/3/2022 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 2/2/2022 8:58:59 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/3/2022 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
chris c.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten and Committee Members,

I support House Bill 1640 which strengthens and expands the current Electronic Waste and Television Recycling and Recovery Act.

House Bill (HB) 1640 include more types of electronic devices, establishes electronics recovery goals, establishes financial incentives for manufacturers that do not meet their goals and most importantly requires minimum convenience levels for Neighbor Island electronics recycling.

DOH needs to set a high recovery rate for manufacturers to fix the flaws in the current law. The State of Hawai'i needs to strengthen our electronics recycling law to increase diversion from our limited landfill space, protecting our environment and enhancing recycling options for our Hawai'i Island residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2022 7:03:50 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/3/2022 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
James Trujillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass HB1640

HB1640 will help address some of our solid waste issues and helps to clarify the goals and objectives for recycling and diversion of e.waste from our landfills

Mahalo for your consideration of passing HB1640

with respect and aloha,

james g trujillo

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