

SB 559

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WRITTEN COMMENTS
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
WAYS AND MEANS
ON
March 2, 2009
S.B. 559, S.D. 1

RELATING TO RECYCLING

Chair Kim, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. 559, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes this bill. DAGS has reduced its biennium budget in response to economic factors. There is no money to implement this bill if it were to become law.

DAGS supports recycling. DAGS participates in the University of Hawaii annual electronic device recycling program. DAGS also sponsors electronic device and furniture recycling, coordinating drop off and removal across State owned properties. DAGS has also adopted strategies to have vendors include old equipment removal and recycling in their proposals, take advantage of free equipment recycling efforts and offer programs for the re-use and re-cycle of paper products, electronic device, plastics, furniture and all other recyclable materials.

However, DAGS does not have the financial or personnel resources necessary to establish a mandatory recycling program for all State buildings and facilities, public schools, and the University of Hawaii.

DAGS recommends that this bill be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

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7 recycling program” that shall include but is not limited to all recyclable paper products, electronic
8 devices, plastics, furniture, as well as other recyclable items. It also requires agencies to incorporate the
9 Hawaii recycling program. It also funds the Hawaii recycling program using moneys in the DBC
10 special fund.

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12 support one facet of the administration’s lead by example initiative for more economical and
13 environmentally friendly energy and resource design, use and purchasing. However, in view of the

1 current economic uncertainty, DOH opposes this measure because it expands government programs and
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3 We are concerned about the DBC fund becoming an omnibus recycling fund, given the need to
4 refund deposits and pay handling fees. As amended by this measure, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)
5 §342G-104 (b) would provide unlimited funding for the proposed Hawaii recycling program. We are
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12 State facilities. However, the given the current fiscal realities, it would not be prudent to pursue this
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14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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