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February 1, 2010

The Honorable Hermina M. Morita, Chair and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Morita and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2427, Relating to Solid Waste Management

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services supports House Bill (HB) 2427, relating to solid waste management.

HB 2644 would change the frequency of submittal of solid waste plans from once every five years to once every ten years, or as necessary. A ten-year interval between reports gives a longer period for analyzing and predicting solid waste trends, which would help provide more accurate planning.

In practice, the current five-year interval is too short. With the use of a solid waste advisory committee, the need to analyze at minimum a complete year's data, and the time to write the report, the time needed from start to completion can be well over 2 years, resulting in counties continuously working on plan updates.

We recommend approval of HB 2427 which will provide a more appropriate interval for submission of solid waste plans.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Hermina M. Morita, Chair The Honorable Denny Coffman, Vice Chair Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection Hawai'i State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2010

HEARING TIME: 8:30 a.m.

**HEARING LOCATION: Conference Room 325** 

Re: Support Senate Bill 2427

Dear Representatives Morita and Coffman and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 2427 (HB 2427).

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management is pleased to testify in support of this bill.

Best Regards and Aloha,

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cc: Mayor William Kenoi