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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### H.B. 422 HD1, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE

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- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this bill.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** Maintain solid waste program funding
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to modify the solid waste management surcharge
- 4 to also apply to waste-to-energy facilities and facilities that prepare waste for final disposition outside
- 5 the state of Hawaii.
- 6 The department supports the changes proposed by this bill because they will help us address the
- 7 changing waste management field. The solid waste management surcharge is the main funding source
- 8 for the department's solid waste regulatory program. The current surcharge is 35 cents per ton and is
- 9 applied to landfills and incinerators, including H-Power.
- 10 The department is aware of waste-to-energy facilities that are proposing to use new technologies
- 11 that the current solid waste management surcharge will not apply to. The past year has also seen
- 12 attempts to operate a facility to prepare waste for out of the state disposal. Waste currently being
- 13 handled by facilities subject to the surcharge would be diverted to the newer facilities. Both of the
- 14 activities mentioned would avoid the solid waste management surcharge as it is currently structured,
- 15 thus reducing solid waste program revenue while actually increasing the program's workload.

1           Solid waste program funding is already below sustainable levels. Allowing the changes  
2 proposed in this bill would help the solid waste program to maintain current funding levels.

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

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Comments:

I support the waste disposal surcharge be increased to fund recycling efforts statewide.

Mahalo for your consideration.