

HB 139, HD1

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
HOUSE BILL NO. 139, H.D. 1

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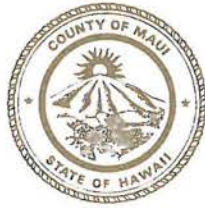
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO
ASSIST ANAERGIA INC.

House Bill No. 139, H.D. 1, authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) to assist Anaergia Inc. with the development of facilities for renewable non-fossil fuel production on Maui pursuant to Part V, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department would like to advise the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of SPRB issuance will require further discussion and satisfactory credit underwriting review of the financing components with respect to any proposed financing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, March 17, 2015
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 225

HB 139, HD1 - RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ANAERGIA INC.

Honorable Sen. Mike Gabbard, Chair
Honorable Sen. Josh Green, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Energy & Environment

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 139, HD1** which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Anaergia Inc. ("Anaergia") with the development of facilities for renewable non-fossil fuel production on Maui.

Anaergia is developing two projects on Maui

1. The County of Maui has contracted Anaergia to create the Maui Resource Recovery Facility (MRRF) Project, which will maximize resource recovery from a diverse range of waste streams, increase recovery of recyclable materials and produce renewable fuels. This unique public-private partnership will increase diversion of the current waste stream, lengthening the life of the County of Maui owned and operated Central Maui Landfill.
2. Anaergia is also developing the Maui Energy Park Project. This project will revitalize fallow agricultural lands in West Maui to grow an energy crop, while utilizing R-1 water for irrigation. This project will also produce renewable fuel.

The Benefits to the State and County

Both projects will utilize anaerobic digestion, a well proven technology, create permanent jobs, and keep millions of dollars from leaving the state through fossil

fuel purchase. They will also allow an increase in firm renewable energy production on Maui, thus reducing the need to import fossil fuel into Hawai`i while promoting long-term energy security and energy cost stability.

Additionally, both projects will create a number of environmental and economic benefits for the County and State including the following:

- Reducing up to 85% of materials currently deposited into the central Maui landfill, and increasing the recovery of recyclable materials by at least 10 times.
- Reducing up to 200,000 tons per year of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Prolonging the life of the landfill by up to four times by increasing landfill diversion rate up to 80%.
- Diverting approximately 2.5 million gallons per day of R-1 recycled water, which will reduce or eliminate the use of injections wells in West Maui.
- Returning approximately 1,800 acres of fallow agricultural land to productive use and reducing soil erosion and wind-blown dust.
- The projects combined production of renewable energy and fuels for use in local communities will help reduce the State's reliance upon imported fossil fuels (i.e. eliminate millions of gallons of diesel imports per year.)
- The two projects represent an initial private capital investment of \$150 million which will provide a boost to Maui's economy while creating revenue at the State level.
- Combined the projects will create hundreds of construction jobs and dozens of permanent jobs.

Moreover, through the use of special purpose revenue bonds as a means of funding these projects, Anaergia should be able to provide the above-mentioned benefits with no investment or operational financial risk to the State or County.

For these reasons, I believe these projects are in the best interest of the public and I strongly support HB 139, HD1.

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Joseph D Pluta	WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.	Support	No

Comments: Joseph D Pluta, Vice President-Treasurer, West Maui Taxpayers Association Inc. Support YES Comments: I am testifying is Strong Support of this Bill. Approving the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds for Anaergia and their prudent plans for converting waste to energy has bonafide environmental benefits and Economic Benefits that are extraordinary and remarkable. This Bill sets the stage for millions of dollars in cost savings for the County of Maui and at the same time will generate millions of new sorely needed revenues for the State of Hawaii in GET and Income Taxes. Please Approve this Bill as it is surely in the best interest of the people of the State of Hawaii. The Entire Board of Directors of the West Maui Taxpayers Association Unanimously Supports this Bill and Urges you to Pass it without delay! Malama Pono ame Mahalo, Joseph D Pluta, President Emeritus, West Maui Taxpayers Association Inc., President West Maui Improvement Foundation Inc. and West Maui Resident 36 years.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 — 2:45 p.m. — Room 225

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 139 HD 1, Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to Assist Anaergia Inc.

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment company that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase clean, renewable energy, and waste reduction. We believe that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity, and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono strongly supports HB 139 HD 1, which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Anaergia Inc. Ulupono's waste mission is to minimize the amount of waste going into the landfill. Maui has an urgent need for a waste solution, as ~36% of the waste currently is going to the landfill. Meanwhile, relative to the neighbor islands, O'ahu has the greatest percentage of waste diversion - ~74% - from the landfill due to more sorting and processing facilities, including the City and County of Honolulu's H-POWER waste to energy plant. After being processed by H-POWER, waste volume into the landfill can be reduced by 90% while subsequently creating electricity that can power O'ahu's homes. Yet, there is no waste to energy plants on the neighbor islands. Anaergia's project can help change that.

Anaergia's materials recovery facility and anaerobic digestion process will make a significant impact in extending the life of the landfill and contribute to the renewable energy mix of Hawai'i. This project was selected by the County of Maui as the best overall technology package to meet its needs in a competitive request for proposal. The special purpose revenue bond will help lower the overall cost of the project and make waste management more affordable for all members of the Maui community.

In addition, landfill space is limited in island communities. Therefore, projects such Anaergia's proposed material recover facility will reduce the need for future landfill space on Maui. Siting for future landfills can be difficult as the residents in nearby communities often oppose their development.

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



Therefore, we believe the Committee should find that this project is in the public interest and support the special purpose revenue bond.

As Hawai'i's energy issues become more complex and challenging, we appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that support renewable energy production.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner



Mission : To advocate, educate, and promote the benefits of zero waste to our community and leaders to achieve an Island-wide zero waste management system which conserves and diverts waste from the landfill.

Testimony in OPPOSITION of HB139 HD1
Relating to the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for Anergia
Before the Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment
March 17, 2015 at 2:45 PM, Conference Room 225

The Honorable Senator Gabbard, Chair and Senator Green, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

Zero Waste Kauai OPPOSES HB139.

While the description within HB139 appears to make the Anergia proposal a responsible and “green” alternative it seems to be missing some very important information which actually makes their proposed facility dealing with municipal solid waste a much dirtier proposal and one that does NOT assist in meeting the goals of the *Aloha + Challenge* as signed by the Mayors and Governor. The agreed upon *Aloha + Challenge* Waste Reduction Goal is:

Reduce the solid waste stream prior to disposal by 70% through source reduction, recycling, bioconversion, and landfill diversion methods.

If Anergia’s proposed solution for Maui was based on the development of a Materials Recovery Facility and an Anerobic Digestion System and they were meeting their proposed Waste Reduction goal of 85% that is proposed, that would be fabulous and would have our full support. But this is NOT what the proposal truly is. Please ask Anergia for more details.

Anergia’s description in HB139 seems to have left out a significant component of their process that decreases the true amount of Waste Reduction they will achieve significantly. Waste Reduction as defined in Hawaii Revised Statute:

[342-G-1 HRS - Definitions: “Waste Reduction” means the reduction of solid waste by weight or volume, or both, through a variety of methods prior to disposal. The term includes source reduction, recycling and bioconversion. This term does not include incineration and landfilling.]

A significant element of their processing plan is to create Refuse Derived Fuel from the “residuals” into a refuse derived fuel (which would be a very significant amount as they are not proposing to recover paper or plastic at their Materials Recovery Facility). This Refuse Derived Fuel is intended to be burned and would thus not be allowed to count as “Waste Reduction” per HRS 342-G-1. It would decrease the amount of material going to the landfill but it will still be **destroying natural resources** that would have a continuing life if recovered and not wasted. Thus, this proposal is no more “green” or sustainable than H-Power and potentially worse for the environment based on the mixture of materials in the Refuse Derived Fuel.



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Where are the paints, left over pesticides, mercury from CFL's, household batteries, spray paint cans and lubricants, baby diapers etc. that are disposed of by people in their home trash going to end up? As part of the refuse derived fuel that they want to create? Do you want this to be burned in your neighborhood? If it ends up in their anaerobic digester it will create problems.

Any waste to energy scheme that involves the Thermal Destruction of valuable and limited natural resources is not a solution to a sustainable future. It should not be included as part of any strategy focusing on preserving and protecting the land, the people, and the culture.

Please ask Anergia representatives for more details regarding their actual proposal made to Maui – especially regarding the Refuse Derived Fuel that no business in Hawai'i is willing to burn (nor should they be willing for the good of the environment and air quality).

Zero Waste Kauai strongly supports the *Aloha + Challenge* and the goals it has to help Hawai'i move towards sustainability. If HB139 enables the Anergia Project as proposed to go forward it will decrease the likelihood of Hawai'i reaching the *Aloha + Challenge* goals.

I strongly urge you to OPPOSE HB139 and to support the goals and methods of a Zero Waste System.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Gegen

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
SEN. MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SEN. JOSH GREEN, VICE CHAIR

FROM: KARL BOSSERT, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - PACIFIC

SUBJECT: HB139 RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ANAERGIA INC.

POSITION: SUPPORT

DATE: MARCH 16, 2015

Anaergia Services, LLC (Anaergia) would like to thank Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Green, and the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment as a whole, for taking the time to discuss the House Bill HB139, which has crossed over to the Senate. The following is testimony providing the committee with an overview of the projects covered by this bill.

Additionally, Anaergia has had an opportunity to have a third party review of the House bill, HB139 for a SPRB. There are three minor changes that are important to have incorporated into the bill as it moves forward (see to requested redlines HB139, attached at the end of this testimony). These amendments include; 1) removal of the word "Inc.", and adding language allowing for entity flexibility; 2) changing the word "best" to "current" regarding "best practices" as this is legally more clear; 3) adding off-taker clarity to provide more options for sale of biogas and/or energy beyond sale to the utility, including the County of Maui.

Anaergia humbly requests the Committee to incorporate these amendments. We would also like to extend our apologies to the legislators and staff members that may be inconvenienced in any way because of these requested amendments.

This bill relates to the potential issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to assist Anaergia in the development of renewable fuels and/or energy projects on Maui. The bonds will be sold to private investors and will not be backed by the State of Hawaii or the County of Maui.

Anaergia is a worldwide expert in resource recovery, most notably through anaerobic digestion. The company has a 20 year track record and proven technology with a number of in-house patents and hundreds of projects to date. Because of Hawaii's physical isolation and high cost of energy, Anaergia feels Hawaii is an excellent

candidate for anaerobic digestion, and is currently engaged in developing two projects on Maui using this technology.

Maui Resource Recovery Facility

The first project is called the Maui Resource Recovery Facility (MRRF). Under a 20 year contract from the County of Maui, the facility will take municipal waste, currently going into the Maui County landfill, and significantly increase the recovery of recyclable materials from that waste. We believe that Anaergia's efforts will not negatively affect any recyclers currently in operation, and in fact may allow for expanded opportunities for these firms.

The remaining materials will be processed to create renewable natural biogas, through anaerobic digestion. The renewable biogas can be used for power generation, household and commercial (heating/cooling) and transportation. Only about 15% of the incoming municipal waste is expected end up in the landfill at the end of the process, lengthening the life of the landfill.

Anaergia's vision for this project is to set the benchmark for how municipal waste is dealt with in Hawaii and the rest of the world. The future of waste management is to increase recyclable recovery, produce renewable fuels from the balance, and reduce the amount of landfilled materials to the maximum extent possible. This will be accomplished while providing an opportunity for the County to save money in landfill operating costs and by deferring large capital investments for landfill expansions far into the future.

Maui Energy Park

The second project is called the Maui Energy Park (MEP). This project is located in West Maui, where the plan is to grow an energy crop and process it into renewable natural biogas through anaerobic digestion. This project will revitalize up to 1,800 acres of high quality agricultural lands left fallow after the demise of sugar cane and pineapple in West Maui. MEP will use recycled water for the majority of its irrigation needs, allowing the nutrients in this water to be returned to the soil. The renewable natural biogas can be used for power generation, household and commercial (heating/cooling) and transportation.

Anaergia sees the MEP as a model approach for putting agricultural lands back into productive use across the state. The anaerobic digestion process is an efficient way to make renewable biogas with energy recovery several times higher than other processes.

Both projects provide a number of environmental and socio-economic benefits to the state, county and residents of the state of Hawaii. These include reduced materials

going in the landfill, putting fallow Ag lands back into production, and creating renewable fuels which will provide energy cost stability and security for the state. These projects will create hundreds of short-term construction and long-term farming and operational jobs, thereby keeping millions of dollars a year in the State’s economy.

Anaergia is seeking up to \$90 million in special purpose revenue bonds to support these two projects. These bonds will provide low-cost financing to offset the high cost of shipping materials and constructing these facilities in Maui. Anaergia has a long-term vision for Hawaii and believes that these projects can be duplicated on other islands to benefit the environment, the economy and Hawaii’s residents. Subsequent projects will enjoy learning curves and possible economies of scale, making those projects less reliant on special purpose revenue bonds in the future.

The following page shows a summary of environmental as well as socio-economic benefits for both projects.

Anaergia would again like to thank the Committee for its time on this matter and stands ready to address any questions you may have during the hearing.

Environmental and Socio-Economic Benefits from Proposed Projects

Project Benefits	Project
Increase recyclable material recovery approximately ten-fold	MRRF
Increase landfill diversion from a current level 43% to >75%	MRRF
Increase municipal solid waste diversion from a current up to 85%, increase the life of the central Maui landfill	MRRF
Revitalize up to 1,800 acres of ag land, reducing soil erosion and dust problems	MEP
Help in the use of approximately 2.5 million gallons per day of recycled water in W. Maui	MEP
Create approximately 200 construction jobs	MRRF and MEP combined
Create approximately 60 permanent jobs	MRRF and MEP combined

Replace the equivalent of almost 3,000,000 of gasoline per year by creating renewable natural biogas	MRRF and MEP combined
Increase energy cost stability and security	MRRF and MEP combined
Preserve open space through reduced need to expand the landfill and by keeping ag land in production	MRRF and MEP combined
Provide over \$150 million of capital investment into the state	MRRF and MEP combined
Provide approximately \$12 million per year of ongoing expenditures in Maui	MRRF and MEP combined

Draft of Proposed Changes/Amendments

House of Representatives
TWENTY-EIGHTH
LEGISLATURE, 2015
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B 139, H.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO
ASSIST ANAERGIA Inc.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that support for the development of renewable and efficient and secure energy systems in the State, which is geographically isolated from sources of oil, continues to be in the public interest. Anaergia Inc. ~~("Anaergia")~~ is a global leader in offering sustainable solutions for the generation of renewable energy and the conversion of waste to resources.

Anaergia Inc. through its affiliates or subsidiaries or special purpose entities (hereafter referred to as "Anaergia") proposes to build, own, and operate:

(1) A project located in Central Maui that is designed to process up to 700 tons per day of municipal solid waste, green waste and sewage sludge. The features of this project include:

a) a material resource recovery facility (MRRF) to recover recyclable materials such as metal, cardboard, and glass;

b) anaerobic digester systems (used to break down organic materials); and

c) other processing equipment necessary to convert organics like municipal sludge, food waste, green waste, and other materials to renewable methane rich bio-gas (similar to natural gas); and

(2) A project to be sited on approximately 1,800 acres of fallow agricultural lands located in West Maui, where energy crops (low-cost and low-maintenance plants harvested to make biofuels) will be grown. This project will convert harvested energy crops into renewable methane rich bio-gas or renewable electricity through the

use of anaerobic digester systems to be located in west Maui or central Maui.

In support of the above projects, the requested issuance amount of the special purpose revenue bonds considered by this Act has been carefully vetted and matches similar investment marks for infrastructure projects of this type. In addition to providing funding for the above renewable energy projects, revenue secured from the special purpose bonds will offer Anaergia critical financial flexibility in terms of its support of various related projects and initiatives and the deployment of internal capital. Continuing Anaergia's track record of recruiting investors and effectively allocating investment capital funds, planned end-goal projects and initiatives for this series of funding include:

- 1) enhanced source separation initiatives allowing for better recovery of recyclable materials;
- 2) reducing the carbon footprint by the equivalent of 33,000 cars;
- 3) significantly reducing the amount of municipal solid waste that is placed in landfills;
- 4) increasing recyclable material recovery;

- 5) revitalizing, and placing back into productive use, approximately one thousand eight hundred (1,800) acres of fallow agricultural lands;
- 6) creating and supporting well-paying new jobs in the Green Tech sector as well as approximately 200 jobs in construction and related industries during the building phases; and
- 7) generating substantial tax and related revenues for the State and the County of Maui.

More specifically, the legislature further finds that the benefits of the development of such facilities may include the following:

- (1) Reduction of up to 200,000 tons per year of greenhouse gas emissions from both projects;
- (2) Out-year optimization allowing for enhanced operational efficiencies, increased recovery of recyclable materials, and improved adaptability to future changes in waste composition and waste generation quantities;

- (3) More opportunities for "win-win" collaboration with local firms including recyclers, farmers, and transportation companies;
- (4) Enhanced and innovative revitalization efforts for fallow agricultural lands, including expanded soil erosion mitigation efforts, rehabilitation of depleted and acidified soils, and implementation of sustainable farming practices to include reduced pesticide usage and implementation of organic farming practices;
- (5) Advanced research and development efforts, which will allow Anaergia to better its ability to continually maintain organizational efficiency and current industry ~~best~~-practices;
- (6) Conducting a full environmental impact study, which is not a requirement of the central Maui project but will allow for expanded public/community and governmental input on the proposed municipal waste processing facility;

(7) Expanded public education and awareness programs related to solid waste, material reuse, recycling, sustainability, and renewable energy technologies as well as expansion of community investment and philanthropic activities; and

(8) Expansion of on-the-job training programs and higher-level education scholarships;

The legislature finds that the development of the projects outlined above, as well as the associated projects and initiatives of Anaergia and its partners, will benefit the State in several ways including:

(1) Reduction of up to 200,000 tons per year of greenhouse gas emissions;

(2) Reduction of up to eighty-five (85) percent of materials deposited into and an increase in the recovery of recyclable materials of over ten times at the Central Maui Landfill;

(3) Reduction or stabilization of county landfill disposal and operational costs over the long run;

(4) Alleviation of treated water disposal issues, including the substantial reduction or elimination of

injection well use in west Maui, through the use of recycled water for use to irrigate energy crops;

- (5) Creation of approximately sixty permanent local technical and semi-technical jobs at both facilities as well as approximately 200 temporary construction jobs during the building phase;
- (6) Production of renewable energy and renewable fuels from both facilities for use in local communities, which will help reduce the State's reliance on imported fossil fuels;
- (7) Assistance in meeting the State's renewable energy goals by providing over 10 megawatts of firm renewable power; and
- (8) Containment of dust clouds and reduction of soil erosion from fallow agricultural lands on the West Maui farm lands.

Through the utilization of special purpose revenue bonds as the means of funding, Anaergia may provide the benefits outlined above without investment or operational financial risk to the State or counties.

Accordingly, the legislature finds that the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act for Anaergia is in the public interest and for the public health, safety, and general welfare of the State.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$90,000,000.00, in one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Anaergia ~~Inc.~~, ~~or a partnership in which Anaergia Inc. is a general partner,~~ for the establishment and funding of energy production, waste recovery, and related facilities and projects on the island of Maui.

The outputs of these facilities shall be made available ~~for use by members of the general public~~ by sale directly from Anaergia ~~Inc.~~ to viable off-takers and/or by sale to electric utilities servicing the public.

The legislature hereby finds and determines that Anaergia ~~Inc.~~'s planning, design, and construction of a material recovery facility, an anaerobic digester, and a facility to convert energy crops into renewable natural gas or renewable electricity constitutes a project as defined in part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii

Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof is assistance to an industrial enterprise.

SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist industrial enterprises.

SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to June 30, 2020, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds authorized by this section, regardless of whether the outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in section 2. In making this determination, the department shall comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature authorized by this section.

SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2020.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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erin randle	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Senator Gabbard and Committee Members, I am in support of HB139. We were residents of Maui for over 20 years. We now live on Oahu. The main reason we moved was the cost of living and lack of good paying jobs on Maui. One of my friends told me that there is a company that wants to invest \$150 million in Maui to make green energy. I fully support this type of thinking, not only for Maui, but all over the state. I did some research and found Anaergia's plan includes processing rubbish and growing energy crops. I knew a number of people who lost their jobs when Maui Pineapple Company went out of business. I also watched the West Maui hillsides turn brown over the years. Putting farmlands and farmers back to work should be a focus of state and local government. What a great opportunity to do that and reduce importing fossil fuels. Please vote yes on HB139! Mahalo, Erin and Rush Randle

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Kelly King	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This project has great community opposition as it does not meet all the qualifications of the RFP, is based on misinformation presented by the County of Maui, and hurts local businesses by allowing a multi-national corporation to manage all landfill material and export profits. Under the agreement signed by the Mayor, Maui County will have to pay tipping fees (currently not paid at all) to Anaergia which could cost upwards of \$8million/year, yet the Mayor keeps claiming the new model will save money for taxpayers. The Anaergia project has been deferred by the Maui County Council, and there are no indications that the County will have money in its budget to cover these costs. The objections to this project are a large part of the reason the Council voted to audit the Dept. of Environmental Management. Please wait until that audit is completed before supporting this ill-conceived idea!

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