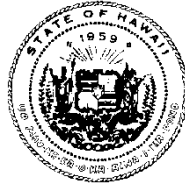


SB 179

Measure Title:	RELATING TO SOLID WASTE REDUCTION.
Report Title:	Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Waste Diversion
Description:	Clarifies that HPHA is authorized to contract with private businesses to remove food and green wastes from public housing projects.
Companion:	HB1078
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HSH/ENE, WAM
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AND

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

February 17, 2015 1:15 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

Senate Bill 179

Relating to Solid Waste Reduction

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland, Honorable Chair Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, and the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) 179, relating to solid waste reduction.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the enactment of this measure, which would clarify that the HPHA is authorized to contract with private businesses to remove food and green wastes from public housing projects.

The HPHA's mission is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination through its public housing and rental assistance programs. The HPHA serves the State's most vulnerable populations, including those earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), the disabled and the elderly.

The HPHA currently recycles its green waste in a variety of ways. From using mulch and wood chips to soak up old paint that needs to be removed, to making compost for gardens, the HPHA encourages recycling of any kind. Please know that if the agency's needs become too burdensome to handle, the HPHA will definitely look into contracting with private businesses to remove food and green waste.

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The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, and the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment with the agency's position regarding S.B. 179. We respectfully request the Committees to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support to address the affordable housing crisis facing Hawaii.