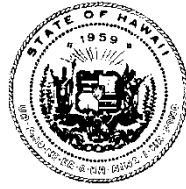


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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

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In consideration of  
**HB722**  
**RELATING TO SOLID WASTE**

Honorable Chair Brower and Members of the Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 722, relating to solid waste.

The objective of HB 722, is to establish a pilot program to develop long term environmental suitability strategies; enable the HPHA to utilize private business to divert food and green waste from public housing projects; and require the HPHA to report to the 2018 legislature on its progress on such contracts.

The enactment of this bill to achieve the stated objectives is not necessary. The Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS) 356D-4 already provides the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) with the power to make and execute contracts for this purpose. The HPHA is pleased to inform the Committee that we already utilize the green waste from our properties for mulch, compost, and erosion control and respectfully request that this language be omitted from the bill so we may continue to do so.

The HPHA feels that the implementation of this bill will be exceedingly difficult to implement without the addition of resources. Any program to manage food waste on-site would need to ensure adequate and proper storage and costly transfer and handling procedures. An additional position at every property would be necessary to ensure that food waste is being properly sorted from the general trash and disposed of and stored properly. Proper food storage containers would be necessary for every unit to ensure health issues as well as pest infestations do not arise between food waste pick-ups.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committees on Housing with the HPHA's comments regarding HB 722. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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