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Statement of  
**MARY ALICE EVANS, Director**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND, CULTURE, AND THE ARTS  
AND  
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 1:01 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of  
**SCR 168/SR 159**

**REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO  
CONVENE A DEMOLITION WASTE REDUCTION WORKING GROUP.**

Chairs Lee & Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye & Richards, and Members of the Committee:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) offers **comments** on SCR 168/SR 159 which requests the OPSD to convene a demolition waste reduction working group.

This effort is both timely and necessary. Hawai'i is facing increasing pressure on our landfills, and construction and demolition waste remains a significant contributor to that burden.

Given the State's recent storms and ongoing disaster recovery efforts, the need to reduce, reuse, and better manage demolition waste is even more urgent. Establishing a coordinated, cross-sector working group to advance deconstruction, material reuse, and circular economy strategies is a strong and appropriate step forward.

The OPSD shares concerns regarding implementation, while SCR 168/SR 159 places this responsibility on OPSD, the resolution does not provide any appropriation or staffing support to carry out this work.

As currently structured, this would place additional workload on the State Sustainability Branch without dedicated financial resources or staffing, which will significantly limit the effectiveness and timeliness of the working group's efforts.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on SCR 168/SR 159.

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Comments:

SUPPORT!

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Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

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