



Aloha,

HULI PAC is submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to this bill.

We share concerns expressed by others regarding the timing of the proposed legislation given that the Department of Health is currently mid-way through its Integrated Solid Waste Management planning process and that the state has recently received a federal award from the EPA to conduct both a statewide waste characterization study and other activities aimed at generating much of the same information the bill seeks to acquire.

HULI PAC is also concerned about the impact this bill would have on initiatives that support Hawaii's transition to a reuse economy. There is a wealth of existing research and analysis that unequivocally points to reuse as the true solution to resolving issues related to packaging waste, including plastic pollution and climate change. There is no good reason to revisit this aspect of the issue. Instead of wasting precious resources on unnecessary studies and assessments, the state must take full advantage of conclusions **already reached** and processes **already funded** and underway.

Similarly, the state needs to ***make a strong commitment to standing up to reuse infrastructure before engaging in endeavors that only serve to distract us all from true solutions.***

Once these processes have concluded and these actions have been taken, then an initiative such as the one proposed in the bill could possibly provide value. Until then, let's save taxpayer money for more pressing needs, such as those experienced by Maui residents as a result of the current devastation there.

Please place reuse as a top priority for our planet.

Thank you,  
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