HB 731
RELATING TO THE CLEAN HAWAII CENTER

Senate Committee on
Ecology and Environmental Protection

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HB 731 would amend Chapters 202, 210, and 342G, HRS, to specify administrative, organizational, fiscal, legal and functional attributes of the Clean Hawaii Center.

Our statement on this measure does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

In testimony on the companion of this measure in the House, we noted that language in Page 3, lines 4-12, relating to sovereign immunity is unclear. If the intent of the section is to protect the state from liability claims, it’s not clear that this language will provide that protection. Otherwise, amendments to the earlier drafts have strengthened the provisions of the bill, making it more effectively written. We are pleased in particular with provisions now in the measure for promotion, administration or management of recycling parks. Such facilities have been notably successful in a number of other states in advancing recycling efforts cost-effectively.