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SB 1204 SD1 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

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SB 1204 SD1 would restore the position of deputy director for environmental health within the department of health (DOH).

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

Other than the chronic and shameful inadequacy of funding support, lack of coordination between offices is the most frequently cited problem inherent in the government's environmental management performance. Restoration of this position will provide for supervisory coordination of the many offices in DOH whose functions are crucial for the maintenance and management of environmental programs, many of which operate under a federal mandate. However, it will **not** alleviate the problem completely. Lack of coordination between line agencies with environmental charges will require the direct intervention and strong leadership of the governor if it is to be eliminated.