HB 3614
RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CFCs, HALONS, AND OTHER
MAN-MADE CHEMICALS THAT DESTROY THE EARTH'S
PROTECTIVE OZONE LAYER

House Committees on
Energy and Environmental Protection
Consumer Protection and Commerce

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HB 3614 would amend the Hawaii Revised Statutes to add a chapter
addressing regulation of refrigeration appliances and machines. In
addition, Chapters 342C, 437B, and 444 HRS would be amended to address
specific chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)-related issues. Finally, funds are
appropriated to the department of commerce and consumer affairs to
facilitate implementation of these proposed amendments.

Our statement on this bill does not constitute an institutional position
of the University of Hawaii.

This bill has been drafted with the intent of remedying regulatory
omissions of Chapter 342C, HRS, enacted in response to Act 316 of last
year's legislature. Need for effective implementation of CFC management
locally and globally recently was underscored by the disclosure by NASA that
ozone layer depletions of up to 10% over the Hawaiian Islands are imminent.
Economic implications with regard to the state's reliance on a vigorous
visitor industry are profound.

We suggest that Section (3), lines 19-22 on page 7, may pose undue
hardships on automotive repair facilities. We note that the majority of
motor vehicle service activities are unrelated to refrigeration components.
Amendment to specify service on components related to the use of CFCs would
be appropriate. Also, item (10), page 9, prohibiting abandonment or
disposal of any refrigerant device without recovery of coolant could lead to
problems of compliance and enforcement, particularly since there are no
existing facilities for acceptance of these items. A possible solution to
this problem might be to provide funding to the counties to establish
refrigerant recovery facilities at landfills and/or refuse transfer stations
to facilitate public compliance with this prohibition.

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