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**SB 2732**

## **RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL**

### **Senate Committee on Health and Environment**

**Public Hearing - February 10, 1998  
1:30P.M., Room 225 State Capitol**

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SB 2732 would amend various sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to provide for publication in the OEQC periodic bulletin of notice of various agencies' pending consideration of permit applications which may affect the environment, economy, culture, or social welfare of the State.

Our statement on this measure is compiled from voluntarily submitted opinions of the listed academic reviewers and does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We support the intent of this measure to enhance public awareness of agencies' environmental decisionmaking processes. In large measure, this just formalizes a practice that is currently ongoing. However, it is likely that there will be a cost in staff time for including this additional information which, in times of fiscal constraint, must be acknowledged.

There is no question that having the Environmental Notice available on request, free of charge, is extremely valuable. We would strongly oppose any action that would restrict the Notice's readership by instituting a price for the newsletter, if it becomes more lengthy. Hopefully, the additional work SB 2732 would involve could be met with existing staff.