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HB 3229

RELATING TO THE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT

House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

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HB 3229 is a companion bill to SB 2507, calling for the DOH office of solid waste management to conduct a feasibility assessment for use of advance disposal fees as vehicles for public education and to offset disposal costs.

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

As the preamble to this bill notes, rising costs, both in terms of dollars and finite land resources, will place increasing pressure on the state to develop aggressive recycling and source reduction programs for waste management. Advance disposal fees offer the twofold advantage of providing for partial defrayment of waste management costs while simultaneously serving as a valuable vehicle for public education.

Our strong concurrence with the intent of this measure is tempered with the caution that the cost of both the feasibility assessment and the implementation of the ensuing program is likely to be considerable. However, investment of these moneys will result in substantial downstream savings, and we strongly urge the Legislature to allocate sufficient funds to ensure that this program succeeds.