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HB 2388 HD 1
Relating To Environmental Protection

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The purpose of HB 2388 (HD 1) is to amend act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii, which prohibits over-the-counter sales of refrigerants, raises the standards of repair facilities, and promotes the recovery, recycling, and destruction of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). The proposed amendments to Act 77 include a more comprehensive definition of CFCs and addition of a new chapter to the Hawaii Revised Statutes entitled "Ozone Layer Protection".

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

The content of HB 2388 makes a significant contribution to Hawaii's part in abatement of ozone destroying CFCs. However, we are disappointed that the mandatory labeling provisions of the original version of this bill have been deleted. Mandatory labeling provides for elevation of consumer awareness and would send a message to manufacturers who release CFCs that they must research and institute alternative practices which do not pose ancillary threats to the ozone layer.