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HB 383 RELATING TO BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Statement for
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HB 383 would prohibit the manufacturing, distribution, or selling of beverage containers known as "plastic cans".

Our comments on this bill do not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We understand that the plastic used in "plastic cans" is the same, polycarbonate, that is used for plastic screw-top bottles for soft drinks and bottled water. Therefore it appears unfair to specifically prohibit "plastic cans", which actually comprise a smaller quantity of the market than do the screw-top bottles. However, we do agree with the intent of HB 383 as it sends a message to bottlers that Hawaii will not permit inappropriate packaging, given the ready availability and recycling potential for aluminum cans.