



University of Hawaii at Manoa

Environmental Center
A Unit of Water Resources Research Center
Crawford 317 • 2550 Campus Road • Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
Telephone: (808) 956-7361

RL:1011

HB 2326
RELATING TO TIRES

House Committee on
Energy and Environmental Protection
January 22, 1992, 8:30 am, Room 1310

By
John T. Harrison, Environmental Center

HB 2326 would add a new chapter to the Hawaii Revised Statutes to provide for establishment of a one dollar deposit on the sale of new tires. Monies resulting from this deposit will be used by the Department of Health to establish a statewide collection and disposal system for used tires.

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

We concur with the intent of this bill, but we strongly urge that the Department of Business and Economic Development and Tourism be encouraged to promote development of local markets for recycled tires. The use of ground tire rubber as an additive in asphalt pavement has been shown to increase pavement elasticity, thereby reducing cracking of pavement surfaces. Promotion of this and other potential local markets for post consumer waste through the use of tax incentives and/or capital investment is a crucial aspect of closing the cycle to insure the viability of recycling operations.

We further suggest that the exemption granted to dealers who collect and dispose of their tires be made contingent on their participation in any recycling program which is established.