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## HB 379 HD2 RELATING TO USED OIL

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Ecology and Environmental Protection

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HB 379 HD2 would prohibit used oil disposition in landfills by commercial operations.

Our statement on this bill is drawn from opinions expressed by the referenced authors and reflects the concerns of the Environmental Center and not necessarily those of the University of Hawaii.

The present draft of this measure appears to have lost sight of one of the main intentions of earlier drafts. Previously, the bill addressed the problem faced by people who change their own motor oil and have nowhere to dispose of the old oil, since most service stations won't accept it for a variety of reasons. Now, not only can a home mechanic not turn in used oil at a dealership in exchange for new oil, but she can't even take it to a landfill unless she buys a commercial absorbent container. We are concerned that, by including more limitations and barriers to convenient disposal, this measure only will serve to promote irresponsible and illegal oil dumping.