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TESTIMONY ON SB 2350

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RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER SPECIAL FUND

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Committee Chairs and members. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 2350**, one of the Governor's proposals to address environmental improvements in our State.

SB 2350 provides funding for each of the four counties to re-institute the successful community workday litter control programs that used to operate in our state.

The bill would provide \$500,000 to the City and County of Honolulu and \$200,000 each to the counties of Maui, Hawaii and Kauai, to re-establish their litter control offices. These funds would come from excess revenues currently in the Beverage Container Special Fund. We would note that this fund currently has over \$23 million in revenues, and has experienced increasing balances since the fund's inception..

We see this bill as one piece of the effort to help counties implement their solid waste management plans established pursuant to Section 342G and augment the resources provided to county recycling/waste reduction staffs. We know some counties, such as Maui, have kept their community litter workday programs going despite the loss of state support. We commend them and encourage the Legislature to formally re-institute the program by enacting this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.