

RES24-213

Testimony

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HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH (HSH)

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Meeting

Meeting Date: Sep 25, 2024 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 64

Oppose: 2

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Johnnie-Mae Perry	Email: waianaenb569@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 20, 2024 @ 07:34 PM
Testimony: Support Reso 24-213		
Name: Gabriel Shimizu	Email: gshimizu95@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:12 PM
Testimony: This is a great initiative!		
Name: Cherise Kawamura	Email: cherisekawamura@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:21 PM
Testimony: REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE AND MANAGE RECYCLING RECEPTACLES IN CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. HAVING DESIGNATED BINS WILL HELP WITH CLEAN UP AND OUR LANDFILL.		
Name: Tyler Tanigawa	Email: tanigz89@hotmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:23 PM
Testimony: Strongly support.		
Name: Sheri Azama	Email: slazama@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:30 PM
Testimony: I support the provision of receptacles at all C&C parks and rec facilities. This is a necessary steps towards promoting and advancing sustainability on the island.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Tracy Taoka	tracy@cpms-hawaii.com	96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:30 PM
Testimony: This type of effort is needed in our island home. We frequent City facilities and the lack of these types of services is very unfortunate. I realize the City has limited resources however this effort needs to be supported for the good of our home and for the future of our keiki. If the city cannot take this on alone, maybe take an "adopt a park" approach annd ask for community and business assistance?		
Name: Alison Tanigawa	Email: alicwon@hotmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:34 PM
Testimony: I have spent and continue to spend countless hours at public parks supporting my children's athletic activities. I believe recycling bins in public parks are essential for many reasons. Environmental Protection: Parks are often surrounded by nature, so providing recycling bins helps minimize waste that could harm the local ecosystem. Recycling reduces pollution and conserves natural resources by ensuring materials like plastic, glass, and paper are repurposed instead of ending up in landfills or the environment. Waste Reduction: By making it easy for people to recycle, parks can reduce the volume of trash generated, keeping the area cleaner and more sustainable. It also helps in diverting waste away from overflowing trash bins. Promoting Eco-Friendly Habits: Visible recycling bins in public spaces encourage people to recycle and reinforce sustainable practices. This can have a ripple effect, inspiring visitors to be more environmentally conscious in their daily lives. Cost Savings: Recycling often costs less than waste disposal. By reducing the amount of trash sent to landfills, park management can save money on waste collection and disposal fees. Community Responsibility: Placing recycling bins in parks sends a message that environmental responsibility is a shared duty. It helps foster a sense of community involvement in preserving natural spaces for future generations. Providing recycling bins in public parks helps Hawaii maintain its beautiful outdoor spaces and promotes a responsible culture of sustainability.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Claudine Kimura	claudinekimura@hotmail.com	96818
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:35 PM
Testimony: Recycling is an important measure to take to lessen the material disposed of in landfills and to promote sustainability in our community. The City should take the lead in promoting recycling at parks and recreational facilities where certainly many drinks in cans and bottles are consumed and the opportunity is there to recycle a large number of these items.		
Name: Tricia Kamikawa	Email: takamikawa@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:35 PM
Testimony: I request the city provide recycling receptacles in city parks and recreational facilities in order to encourage recycling and reduce the amount of trash at the landfills.		
Name: Ann Mari Konishi	Email: mari13@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:43 PM
Testimony: Such a great idea. I wholeheartedly agree with this request. There are so many times that I have wished there was a recycling receptacle at the parks following baseball games and the potlucks that follow.		
Name: Linda Muramoto	Email: lindaa104@hotmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:48 PM
Testimony: This is a much needed addition to our local parks. For years my children spent hours playing various sports; each time the children and parents gathered, a countless number of cans and bottles would be thrown into trash cans instead of being recycled as there was no other convenient option. Recycling receptacles would allow park goers to make a more conscientious choice.		
Name: Linda Chung	Email: lchung@peninsularep.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 08:49 PM

Testimony: We definitely need recycling receptacles in the city parks and recreational facilities. It will heighten the awareness of recycling in our community and encourage everyone to participate in this endeavor. I support this resolution 100%.		
Name: Kristen Iwashita	Email: krisko@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:00 PM
Testimony: I'm in favor of having the city provide and manage recycling receptacles at our city parks. Having recycling receptacles would limit the trash that's collected at parks and ultimately our landfills. This will also reduce the amount of cans and bottles that are often scattered around the park. The decrease in trash and debris will improve the aesthetic beauty of our parks and make them safer for people and animals. The presence of the recycling receptacles will promote civic duty and environmental stewardship.		
Name: Geary Udagawa	Email: udagawa333@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:19 PM
Testimony: I am in support of this resolution. The city provides blue bins for our homes, it would only make sense to expand the program to city parks and recreation facilities.		
Name: Staci Nakamura	Email: sachiko022@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:24 PM
Testimony: This is an excellent idea and unsure why Hawaii hasn't already done this by now. Recycling receptacles are commonly seen in other states and countries. I believe it will reduce waste significantly. When a trash can is the only thing available at parks and recs, most will reluctantly toss their plastic bottles and cans. They don't want to carry their single bottle or can back home. We all know that parks and recs are occupied on a daily basis by families, sports teams, events, etc. Can you imagine that "single" bottle or can being tossed by multiple people? It adds up.		
Name: Susan Arnett	Email: slarnett17@hotmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:25 PM

Testimony:

Recycling is such an important part of keeping our communities healthy. We need our government to make recycling as accessible as possible to the greatest number of people. Unfortunately, not that many people will separate their recyclable rubbish at the park to take home if they have a blue bin. Making receptacles available at city Parks and recreational facilities would go a long way to increasing recycling. It will also contribute to making it second nature for people to think of recycling before they think of putting a recyclable item in the trash. This would be such an important step in that direction. Please support the resolution.

Name:

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:29 PM

Testimony:

Support

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:32 PM

Testimony:

I fully support this initiative. Every little bit counts and this is an open door that facilitates our goal of sustainability and preservation of our islands.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:32 PM

Testimony:

I'm in support of this project.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:33 PM

Testimony:

It is very sad to see recyclables being thrown into the normal trash cans. I would greatly appreciate recycling receptacles to be implemented into our community.

Name:

Email:

Zip:

Bryan Nakamura	bnaks13@gmail.com	96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 09:36 PM
Testimony: Sustainability is essential to preserve the quality of life for our future generations. I wholeheartedly support this measure. Mahalo!		
Name: Christy Chang	Email: canbe76@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 10:00 PM
Testimony: My family is a strong advocate for recycling especially my middle daughter. She insists when we are in public parks we take our bottles and cans home to recycle them. But we always see Gatorade bottles in the trash at the waipio soccer fields every weekend. She always notices the recycling bins when we visit mainland parks when we are there for soccer tournaments. This bill is a good thing for our environment and economy.		
Name: Keri Paguio	Email: keripaguio@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 10:29 PM
Testimony: I support the agenda item to place recycling receptacles in city parks and rec facilities.		
Name: Bryan Mick	Email: bkmick@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 10:49 PM
Testimony: Please adopt this resolution! Other cities across the country and around the world have recycling receptacles everywhere. This is a small step to being Honolulu into the future. If DPR says they don't have the funds, please include funds in next years budget.		
Name: Selena Ching	Email: s.ching988@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 23, 2024 @ 11:35 PM
Testimony:		

I fully support recycling provisions and management in city parks and recreational facilities. Living in an island state, sustainable practices should be expanded. Programs like this could have exponential return, based on usage of park facilities. Please pass Res 24-213.

Name:

David Lau

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Sep 24, 2024 @ 12:37 AM

Testimony:

I fully support this measure

Name:

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Sep 24, 2024 @ 01:54 AM

Testimony:

I am in total support of having recycling Bins at all county and city parks and recreation facilities.

Wes Lee

Name:

Kimeona Kane

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Sep 24, 2024 @ 01:57 AM

Testimony:

Aloha mai kākou,

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.

Kimeona Kane of Waimānalo in support of this with a hope that the appropriate budget matches the needs.

Ke Aloha Nui,

Kimeona Kane

Name:

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96821

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Sep 24, 2024 @ 04:26 AM

Testimony:

I support the proposal to provide recycling receptacles in parks.

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Neysa Lee

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Zip:

96821

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 04:43 AM
Testimony: I fully support this progressive movement toward sustainability.		
Name: Tatem Tanaka	Email: tate808420@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 04:53 AM
Testimony: I feel that this something that definitely should be addressed.		
Name: Chad Konishi	Email: chadkonishi@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 05:42 AM
Testimony: I believe this idea substantiates the need for our state to continue to go green. Furthermore by having these receptacles available it will keep the aina from excessive opala.		
Name: Lindsey Miyasato	Email: lindsey.uema@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 06:02 AM
Testimony: As a baseball and soccer mom, who provides occasional teams snacks, think this is awesome resolution. This will not only be a good way to help decrease the amount overflowing trashcans, but also could help encourage recycling. Which overall is a benefit to our environment. Lastly, the amount collected from the recycling can be used to help with parking maintenance.		
Name: Jason Mejia	Email: kaawai2@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 06:05 AM
Testimony: Aloha, I am un full support of RES24-213. Aloha 'āina, the love and respect of not only one's land, but of each other- past, present, and future generations. This resolution is one of the many ways to put these values into action to care for our home and protect our future generations while respecting our kupuna and what they left for us. Having and managing		

these recycling receptacles gives us all one of many ways to become ma'a with 'aloha 'āina, and with hope we can carry this into all areas and aspects of our lives. It is refreshing that this young generation is willing to stand up in the values of aloha. Mahalo.

Name: Adam MICK	Email: atkmowaila@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 06:57 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I am in full support of this measure. In fact, I am shocked to learn that something like this is not already in place since it makes so much sense. When citizens utilize city parks and recreational facilities, they will often have (for instance) beverages in plastic bottles. Without recycling receptacles in the parks, it means that people are most likely just tossing these fully-recyclable items into the trash bins to be burned at H-Power (which, I might add, is NOT "recycling"—it is conversion). Therefore, I urge you to pass this measure quickly and without reservation. You can never go wrong when you do what is right.

Mahalo nui loa,

Adam T. Mick

Name: Madison Pavao	Email: kelapavao@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 07:57 AM

Testimony:

I wholeheartedly support this mission and hope to witness cleaner and more sustainable parks and recreational centers in our neighborhoods.

Name: Rowena Eddins	Email: 06-average-carnage@icloud.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 09:18 AM

Testimony:

I support this resolution.

Name: Asa Shimizu	Email: ashimizu26@punahou.edu	Zip: 96821-2554
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 09:25 AM

Testimony: I strongly support this measure and would be grateful to provide oral testimony at the hearing. Mahalo.		
Name: catherine souza	Email: catherg3191@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 09:55 AM
Testimony: I support this resolution to provide recycling receptacles at all City and County parks and recreational facilities. Recycling is necessary to preserve and protect our health, environment and future.		
Name: Naia Vanaman	Email: naiavanaman@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 09:57 AM
Testimony: As a kid, I go to the beach a lot and always find plastic on the beach. Having recycling bins at beaches will help prevent the amount of litter. This will ultimately help the health of our beaches and marine life.		
Name: Mo C	Email: ashimizu26@punahou.edu	Zip: 96823
Representing: Ignite	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
Testimony: Yes		
Name: Jason Shimizu	Email: jasonshimizu@ymail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 10:02 AM
Testimony: Aloha Honorable Committee on Housing, Sustainability and Health, As a long time soccer/baseball/basketball/flag football dad and an avid camper who has spent many a 5:00 Friday frantically refreshing the screen trying to obtain the elusive camping permit at Sherwoods, my family has thoroughly enjoyed O'ahu's beautiful beaches and parks, That being said, it has always troubled me to see the thousands (millions?) of single use plastic bottles and aluminum cans being thrown away, destined for landfills, when they could be recycled, preventing the inevitable harm to our environment.		

I believe that mandating recycling bins at city parks and recreational areas is simply the responsible and common sense thing to do. I realize that it may not be easy considering the logistics and manpower required for this endeavor, but it will be a worthwhile investment -- good example for our keiki, perceived commendably by our visitors, and critical for the protection of our 'aina.

I fully support this resolution.

Mahalo Nui,
Jason Shimizu

Name: Ethan Chung	Email: ethanbtr32@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 10:04 AM

Testimony:
I believe that our parks have been becoming more and more filled with trash and this will help solve this problem.

Name: Taryn Tomasa	Email: taryntimasa@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 10:16 AM

Testimony:
I support this measure.

Name: Crystal Glendon	Email: crystal@glendonponce.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 10:47 AM

Testimony:
I support this endeavor and urge the Council to adopt it.

Name: Cary Ching	Email: cm yc808@icloud.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 10:49 AM

Testimony:
I love going to the beach with my friends and family. I spend a lot of time there. When going to the beach we bring a lot of bottles and cans and just end up throwing them in the trash cans. Having a recycling bin would be very environmentally friendly and better for everyone.

Name: wendell Mick	Email: tmick44@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 10:57 AM
Testimony: I strongly support and recommend approval of this measure. It seems only smart to me and environmentally conscious to provide waste recycling receptacles at public parks and recreation locations. These places are used by thousands of users each week and most people/groups bring a lot of items that once they are finished with, can and should be recycled - having receptacles there would certainly assist in this effort and help to keep these locations clean.		
Name: Debbie Millikan	Email: millikan@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 11:06 AM
Testimony: Our city parks and recreational facilities are an opportunity to educate and model our sustainability values. In alignment with our Aloha + Challenge goals to reduce our solid waste stream by 70%, we must encourage all forms of reduction prior to disposal including source reduction, recycling, composting and reusing. The resolution, RES24-213, is one step and it is absolutely necessary. I encourage our City Council Members to pass this resolution wholeheartedly, while also considering additional steps to reduce our waste stream. I also highly recommend that educational materials and signs accompany this initiative to inform community members of the need to reduce our waste stream, how to use the recycling containers appropriately, and other appropriate messages as we invite everyone to be stewards of our natural spaces. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide written testimony.		
Name: Kwan Lynne Mooney	Email: klynnec@yahoo.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 11:06 AM
Testimony: I strongly support this measure.		
Name: Taylor Hopkins	Email: taylorhopkins31@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 11:09 AM
Testimony: I strongly support this resolution.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Oriana McCallum	bo9@hawaii.edu	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Sep 24, 2024 @ 11:11 AM
Testimony: Hawaii needs to step up their recycling game!		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Andri Villa	joevilla1318@aol.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Sep 24, 2024 @ 11:16 AM
Testimony: I strongly support this measure. We must all collectively do more as a community to promote and practice a sustainable lifestyle to protect our environment for future generations.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carolyn Lee	hicarolyn@hotmail.com	96814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Sep 24, 2024 @ 12:38 PM
Testimony: I believe that recycling receptacles should be a requirement at all city parks and recreational facilities in the state of Hawaii to maintain the beauty of the islands for both residents and tourists now and in the future. By installing these receptacles, we are reminding the community that recycling and preserving the natural beauty of the islands is a full-time commitment both in and outside of the home. I remember in early 2021, when the beaches and parks were littered with single use water bottles and plastic containers. It was both sad and gross. I hope by installing these recycling receptacles we are reminding both the residents and tourists to respect our home and the gift of paradise.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Judith Mick	ppchawaii@yahoo.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Sep 24, 2024 @ 01:55 PM
Testimony: It is very important that Hawaii recycle as much as possible. This addition of recycling bins at public parks and other facilities is a great idea to help our environment. Mahalo.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brady Nakamura	bnakamura26@punahou.edu	96822

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 03:28 PM
Testimony: I support Asa Shimizu's bill because I would like to see more opportunities to recycle and get people to stop littering.		
Name: Sharyn Sakuda Fong	Email: sharisakuda@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 04:25 PM
Testimony: I strongly believe that City & County of Honolulu, and Hawaii as a whole, must use every resource and opportunity to educate and provide the public with the means to reduce, reuse, and recycle plastic waste. Providing and managing recycling receptacles at all city parks and rec sites addresses a huge untapped target audience for recycling. It would educate and encourage people to recycle, not just at that particular location, but could help develop a habit of recycling, thus people might carry it out and demand it in other public and private spaces. Furthermore, adding these recyclables to the already established island-wide curbside collection will allow Honolulu to take advantage of economies of scale and make recycling itself more economical, while diverting even more material away from our solid waste stream, supporting our reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.		
Name: Riley Mishina	Email: mishinariley@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 05:26 PM
Testimony: Chair, Vice-Chair, and members of the committee, By incorporating more recycling receptacles across the island, the issue of littering will decrease, and more attention will be given to this problem which will affect generations to come. Not only does this present more opportunity for people to recycle their trash, but it spreads the awareness of this issue. I strongly support RES24-213 and feel that this will be a vital change to our communities, and island as a whole. Sincerely, Riley S Mishina Secretary of the Honolulu Youth Commission		
Name: Andie Hoshijo	Email: hoshijoa@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Sep 24, 2024 @ 05:39 PM
Testimony: This would be convenient and increase recycling rates		
Name: Jazlyn Chang	Email: jchang26@punahou.edu	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 07:23 PM
Testimony: I often find myself too lazy to find a recycle bin at public beaches and parks so I often just put it in the trash. I think it'd be very helpful too the community if we had recycle bins in public parks and beaches. It'd implant much more recycling into our community!		
Name: Nicholas Nishimura	Email: nishimuranicholas09@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 08:58 PM
Testimony: To the Honolulu City Council, Aloha, my name is Nicholas Nishimura, a current 10th grader at Waipahu High School. I am 15 years old, and am currently studying and exploring a career in natural resources. With Hawaii's commitments to becoming a net-neutral state in 2045, along with other alignments to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, waste management is one of paramount concern. As a teenager born and raised in the state of Hawaii—I see firsthand the effects of litter, plastic waste, and trash on my home every single day. As our world, nation, and state moves towards a future of overconsumption, the threat of waste to the beauty of the Hawaii I call home is daunting. It may seem small, but the litter in communities such as my own in Waipahu not only poses a risk to the environment, and plants, but also to youth, the elderly, and families themselves. Broken glass shards scattered across parks and areas of public recreation pose risks to everyone, especially children, and YOUTH who use those areas for play. Littered, crushed aluminum cans can create sharp edges, and make the ground sticky and bug-infested. If this is the state of our recreational areas now, when WE are kids, how will it be for when we have our OWN children? The parks and recreational facilities offered to the public are supposed to be that of safety, gathering, and cleanliness. Our home is supposed to be one of beauty, in which the people who are lucky enough today to remain in Hawaii, want to stay. Deeply concerned about the environment, quality of public recreational facilities, and the beauty of the state of Hawaii I have, and always will call home, I request for you to stand in approval of this resolution. Allow for the adoption of recyclable receptacles into public recreation spaces to protect our youth, and preserve the beauty and healthiness of our island for the youth to come.		

Aloha, and thank you.

Name: Alaiza Alvarez	Email: alaizaalvarez44@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 09:11 PM

Testimony:

As a high school student living in Hawaii who especially enjoys visiting public parks, I am in support of this resolution. I believe that this can create an impact in the communities I am a part of. Reducing the amount of litter and pollution while additionally redirecting plastics and other recyclables to the proper facilities is what this resolution can do to benefit our state. This can also help to preserve nature and the environment in numerous ways, which is so fundamental in the state of Hawaii. Thank you so much, and again, I am in support of this resolution.

Name: Natalie Iwasa	Email: iwasajunk@mail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 11:04 PM

Name: Yu Shing Ting	Email: tingerbelle808@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 24, 2024 @ 11:26 PM

Testimony:

As a parent of three youth athletes, I've seen firsthand the excessive amount of recyclables that get thrown into the trash at many of our city parks. By providing recycling receptacles in city parks and recreational facilities, the community can easily recycle these items/materials which is better for the environment and can also generate additional revenue for the City. It makes sense, and should've been done a long time ago.

Name: Joshua Irvine	Email: joshua.l.irvine@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 25, 2024 @ 06:33 AM

Testimony:

I support.

Name: Meilan Akaka Manfre	Email: meilan.akakamanfre@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Sep 25, 2024 @ 09:34 AM
Testimony: I am writing in full support of this resolution. This resolution could help community members make a convenient choice to recycle and give people access and ease in simple actions to combat climate change. The provision and maintenance of recycling receptacles at all city parks would decrease landfill use and increase positive environmental habits. As a parent of two young children, we enjoy frequenting city parks - and while we try to be mindful about the waste we produce, I would like to be able to teach my children that they can recycle bottles and cans in places we enjoy. Additionally, as an educator, I want our youth to become civically engaged. I commend Asa Shimizu for his advocacy and action to make our community and our planet a better place. I hope to be able to share the journey of this resolution passing into legislation as an example for more students to know that they can play a role in making systems change happen.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jared Sproat	jared.sproat@yahoo.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Sep 25, 2024 @ 12:55 PM
Testimony: I fully support this resolution as my family and I are always looking for a recyclables container at public parks and beaches. As a Native Hawaiian, this resolution also aligns with my moral Kuleana to Malama 'Aina, always keeping Hawai'i clean. Finally, this sets a great example for newcomers and Malihini to respect our 'Aina and help keep Hawaii clean when they arrive. Mahalo for the opportunity to support this noble effort, ALOHA! Jared 'Imiola Sproat Major, HIANG, Retired		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Frank Thomas	frankthomas@gmail.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Sep 25, 2024 @ 01:58 PM
Testimony: I don't see a point its waste of money		

TO: Members of the Committee on Housing, Sustainability and Health

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution 24-213, Recycling Receptacles in City Parks and Recreational Facilities –
COMMENTS

Aloha Chair Weyer and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Resolution 24-213, which asks the city to put recycling receptacles in city parks and recreational facilities. Please consider adding a request for the city to cover public trash cans. I often see trash on the ground or blowing around public trash cans because there's no cover on them.

This picture was taken in 2024 near the skateboard park in Hawaii Kai.

