

**RES24-213**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 450**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Oct 9, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 73

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Kim Lau	Email: klauworkout@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 06:02 PM
Testimony: I support		
Name: Yoko Kawamura	Email: yvkawamura@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 07:37 PM
Testimony: I support this resolution.		
Name: Kristen Iwashita	Email: krisko@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 08:08 PM
Testimony: I fully support having the city provide and manage recycling receptacles in our city parks and recreational areas. Having these receptacles available will reduce trash that will be dumped in landfills. Reducing the amount of trash will increase the aesthetic beauty of our parks.		
Name: Hailey Kawamura	Email: hkawamura43@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 08:31 PM
Testimony: I support this incredible initiative to help our community recycle more and build towards a more sustainable future!!		
Name: Edward Suarez	Email: edward@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 08:33 PM
Testimony: As a daily park user in Manoa, I'm in strong support of this measure because of your day I see people rummaging through the garbage looking for a recyclables which only creates a mess and a public health hazard, so thank you for your consideration.		

Name: Claudine Kimura	Email: claudinekimura@hotmail.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 08:41 PM
Testimony: This is a great idea! I'm surprised it hasn't been enacted sooner!		
Name: Laurene Chan	Email: laurene.chan@bbhawaii.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 08:50 PM
Testimony: I fully support this initiative. This is one of many first steps required to move forward in the preservation and protection of our islands. Though it may seem small, this provides an opportunity for people in their communities to be a part of the long term solutions for our state. Everything counts and everyone matters.		
Name: Asa Shimizu	Email: ashimizu26@punahou.edu	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 10:19 PM
Testimony: I write to strongly support RES24-213 and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide oral testimony on October 9th. Mahalo nui loa.		
Name: Jake Tripp	Email: jtripp26@punahou.edu	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 6, 2024 @ 10:33 PM
Testimony: As a friend of Asa's, I can without a doubt say that he is a up standing leader in our community. By introducing this bill, he is making our communities cleaner and safer now and for the future.		
Name: Tyler Tanigawa	Email: tanigz89@hotmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 06:47 AM
Testimony: Strongly support.		

Name: Deborah Millikan	Email: dmillikan@punahou.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:27 AM

Testimony:

I strongly support this measure.

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: Wes Yamaguchi	Email: wyamaguchi26@punahou.edu	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:33 AM

Testimony:

As someone who enjoys talking walks in my local parks, I am quite painfully aware that not enough is being done to keep our parks clean. The few trash receptacles that are present are often so overflowing that a slight breeze can send fistfuls of trash into the air and all over the park. By providing recycling receptacles, the build-up of trash will be reduced in a more sustainable manner. People who would have just thrown away their recyclables will now have an easily accessible manner in which they can be more sustainable. By providing recycling receptacles, citizens will be encouraged to recycle more and the amount of trash that is sent to incinerators, polluting the environment, will be reduced.

Name: Meilan Akaka Manfre	Email: meilan.akakamanfre@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:36 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: Kwan Lynne Mooney	Email: klynnec@yahoo.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 10:06 AM

Testimony:  
I support this measure.

Name: Mia Kawamura	Email: mia.kawamura@pepperdine.edu	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 10:52 AM

Testimony:  
I support providing recycling bins are country parks, gyms and beaches!

Name: Madison Pavao	Email: kelapavao@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 11:24 AM

Testimony:  
I support this project and hope to see recycling bins at our community parks!

Name: Jared Sproat	Email: jared.sproat@yahoo.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 11:53 AM

Testimony:  
Once again, I fully support this resolution as it aligns with our Native Hawaiian values to "Malama 'Aina."  
This resolution also provides our visitors and newcomers with a visual example on how the people of Hawaii have chosen to care for our land and public areas.

Name: Jason Shimizu	Email: jasonshimizu@ymail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 01:40 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Honorable members of the Honolulu City Council,

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.

Name: Gabriel Shimizu	Email: gshimizu95@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 02:10 PM

Testimony:

I support the great idea for recycling bins to promote sustainable practices on the island.

Name: Hazuki Ritchie	Email: hritchie@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 02:12 PM

Testimony:

I support this resolution.

Name: Taylor Hopkins	Email: taylorhopkins31@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 02:15 PM

Testimony:

I support this resolution.

Name: catherine Souza	Email: catherg3191@yahoo.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 02:29 PM

Testimony:

Providing recycling receptacles in city parks is one more step in the right direction to protect and preserve our environment.

Name: Shirley Shimizu	Email: smkawamura@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 02:44 PM

Testimony:  
Please consider supporting this resolution for a more sustainable future. Mahalo for providing our youth commission with the opportunity to voice their hopes for their community.

Name: Ilyana Alba	Email: ialba26@punahou.edu	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 03:26 PM

Testimony:  
i support.

Name: Andri Villa	Email: joevilla1318@aol.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 04:25 PM

Testimony:  
I fully support this resolution.

Name: Stacey Lee	Email: staceylee@mac.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 04:50 PM

Testimony:  
Yes, I support this measure!

Name: Adam Mick	Email: atkmowaila@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 04:52 PM

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: Brannon Noguchi	Email: bnogu@ymail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 04:52 PM

Testimony:  
Great idea. I support this proposal.

Name: Scott Nakamura	Email: scottynaka@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 04:55 PM

Testimony:  
I support this awesome idea. It's about time.

Name: Kyle Ino	Email: kyle@kyleino.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 05:17 PM

Testimony:  
It's about time something was done for recycling in public spaces.

Name: Natasha Blanchette	Email: nblanchette808@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 05:23 PM

Testimony:  
I support this measure

Name: SCOTT SHIMIZU	Email: 02m3scotty@gmail.com	Zip: 96744-5710
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 05:44 PM
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Testimony:  
Our parks are only worth having if they're used. This proposal with proper implementation would further beautify and promote increased usage of our parks. Recycling is a necessity for sustainability and environmental stewardship. An initial limited trial selection of parks to assess implementation plan and manage costs would be desirable.

Name: Sharie Torres	Email: Sharie33@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 05:47 PM
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Testimony:  
By the City Administration providing and managing recycling receptacles in our city parks and recreational facilities, this will make it easier for the public to do the right thing in keeping our parks clean and recycling what we can for the future of our island communities. Similar to providing recycling receptacles for each household, it makes logical sense to spread this best practice to our city parks and recreational facilities for all to enjoy.

Name: Dean Del Rosario	Email: deandel808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 06:00 PM
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Testimony:  
I strongly support this measure. Long overdue.

Name: Rodney Kawamura	Email: rod@touchdowntrucking.com	Zip: 96821
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 06:32 PM
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Testimony:  
This is a necessary measure.

Name: Joy Kawamura	Email: JPK2901@iolani.org	Zip: 96821
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 06:37 PM
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Testimony:  
Having recycling receptacles will make a big difference.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Julia Morikawa	jkm2185@columbia.edu	96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 06:39 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I, Julia Morikawa, am writing in support of RES24-213 and requesting the City Administration to supply and manage recycling receptacles in recreational facilities and parks. As an environmental science student at Columbia University and a strong advocate for sustainable practices within our state, which is at risk for multiple effects from climate change, I believe that this resolution aligns with the city of Honolulu's climate action goals to reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions, major sources of our currently warming atmosphere on Earth. By providing these receptacles, our parks can become clean for future generations while also reducing the impact of single-use plastics and waste within our landfills, which are high contributors to methane.</p>		
Name: Judith Tanaka	Email: chieko1741@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 06:42 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I think this is a wonderful idea and too long in coming.</p>		
Name: Faith Kawamura	Email: fpk2801@iolani.org	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 07:04 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This will help climate change and our sustainable future.</p>		
Name: Starr Kawamura	Email: spk3001@iolani.org	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 07:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Recycling is an efficient way to get people to throw their trash away.</p>		
Name: Grant Udagawa	Email: grantudagawa@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 07:08 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

I support Resolution 24-213 and its practical solutions that aim to limit waste and contribute to a more sustainable Hawaii.		
Name: Cherise Kawamura	Email: cherisekawamura@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 07:09 PM
Testimony: I strongly support this resolution.		
Name: Grace Blanchette	Email: graceblanchette808@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 07:14 PM
Testimony: I support this measure		
Name: Marissa Crane	Email: marissacrane28@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 07:25 PM
Testimony: I support the proposal.		
Name: Tara Wyllie	Email: tarawyllie1@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 07:25 PM
Testimony: I agree		
Name: Samantha Gordon	Email: sammiegordon0@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:14 PM
Testimony: I support this request		
Name: Clara McDonald	Email: clarajoansb@gmail.com	Zip: 96822

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:15 PM
Testimony: I support this		
Name: Dashiell Honma	Email: mad.dash@icloud.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:26 PM
Testimony: I testify for this bill because I want our island to be taken care of and enforcing recycling will help a lot of beaches because of all the cans and litter. Hopefully this bill will make people more conscious of taking caring of the ocean.		
Name: Michael May	Email: michaelmay96825@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:26 PM
Testimony: I believe this will be beneficial for all people.		
Name: Sean Shimizu	Email: seanshimizu91@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:28 PM
Testimony: I support this movement.		
Name: Henry Somerville	Email: henry_somerville@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:33 PM
Testimony: I am in full support.		
Name: Jazlyn Chang	Email: jchang26@punahou.edu	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:33 PM

<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support implementing recycle bins in public beaches and parts!</p> <p>I feel it will help our community greatly and make a great positive difference in our environment/community!</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Andrew Somerville</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>hirowena@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96813</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:34 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in full support</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Arthur Eberhardt</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>hirowena@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96734</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:35 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in full support of this measure</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Christy Chang</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>canbe76@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96734</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 7, 2024 @ 08:46 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>We support having recycle bins at parks to help our environment and conserve our resources. We currently take our bottles and cans home to recycle but many people simply throw their cans away.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Rachel Seeley</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>rachelseeley199@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96822</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 7, 2024 @ 09:00 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I wish to support this request.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Catherine Touchette</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>catherinetouchette1@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96815</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 7, 2024 @ 09:15 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p>		

I support this matter		
Name: Nora Fischer	Email: nora_gf@aol.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 09:22 PM
Testimony: I support this sustainable idea and hope that it gets further so we can have cleaner beaches here in Hawaii.		
Name: Carolyn Pace	Email: carolyn@carolynpacedesign.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 09:45 PM
Testimony: I am in favor of agenda item RES24-213 TO PROVIDE AND MANAGE RECYCLING RECEPTACLES IN CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. This service will both promote and assist with statewide recycling by making it convenient to recycle items. Better for our landfills and better for our Aina.		
Name: Isabella Kneeshaw	Email: kneeshaw@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 09:59 PM
Testimony: I support this measure.		
Name: Karli Anbe	Email: sarahlee_158@hotmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 7, 2024 @ 11:27 PM
Testimony: Public parks play a vital role in our communities, providing green spaces for recreation, relaxation, and connection with nature. Integrating recycling bins into these parks enhances their value in several ways such as environmental impact, educational opportunities, and encouraging of recycling habits. Therefore, incorporating recycling bins into public parks is a simple yet effective way to promote environmental stewardship, enhance community engagement, and improve the park experience for all visitors.		
Name: GERALD CRUZ	Email: gerald.e.cruz@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Oct 8, 2024 @ 06:11 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly support RES24-213.</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Sharyn Sakuda Fong	sharishops@yahoo.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Oct 8, 2024 @ 08:29 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support the city cycling receptacles at all city, parks, and recreation facilities in order to educate and encourage recycling, to minimize our trash, waste and combat climate change.</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mie Fong	mfong29@punahou.edu	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Oct 8, 2024 @ 08:36 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please put recycling bins in the parks!</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shari Sakuda Fong	Financialmks@gmail.com	96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Michael K. Sakuda DDS LLC	Support	Oct 8, 2024 @ 08:40 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Our organization supports placing and managing recycling receptacles in city parks, and rec locations.</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Edwsrd Fong	ecfong31@yahoo.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Oct 8, 2024 @ 08:45 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support having recycling bins in all city parks and rec facilities.</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Linda Chung	lchung@peninsularep.com	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Oct 8, 2024 @ 10:40 AM
<p>Testimony:</p>		



I feel that recycling will provide many benefits to our environment, therefore, having recycling receptacles in our parks and recreational facilities will encourage our community to recycle and be part of preserving our environment movement.

Name: Jennifer Awong	Email: jawong@me.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 8, 2024 @ 12:01 PM

Testimony:  
I support this measure

Name: SUSAN ARNETT	Email: slarnett17@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 8, 2024 @ 02:23 PM

Testimony:  
We need to focus on creating a mindset where recycling is second nature & our citizens actively resist throwing recyclables in the regular trash. Recycling must be available EVERYWHERE in order to do that. Placing recycle receptacles at our beaches & parks is a major step toward creating that mindset. This is a good doable nuts & bolts idea. Please PASS!

Name: Ronette Kawakami	Email: kawakamir004@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 8, 2024 @ 03:12 PM

Testimony:  
In strong support of this measure.

Name: Bryan Nakamura	Email: bnaks13@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 8, 2024 @ 03:57 PM

Testimony:  
Sustainability is essential to preserve the quality of life for our future generations. I wholeheartedly support this measure.  
Thank you!

Name: Evelyn Shimizu	Email: meemerzev@gmail.com	Zip: 96745
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 8, 2024 @ 07:06 PM

Testimony: I support this movement		
Name: Samuel Chung	Email: schung@peninsularep.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 8, 2024 @ 09:59 PM
Testimony: I always look for designated recycling receptacles and noticed there aren't any in public areas, including the parks. I'm sure most people desire to recycle if given a choice. Hawaii, as well as most of US, is way behind the recycling initiatives of other countries. This is long overdue. I commend taking this great leap forward.		