

Bill 62 (2020)
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Agenda Item Bill 62
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha, and thank you for continuing to prioritize the rescue of food scraps from our municipal waste stream in your council agendas. On O‘ahu, wasted food makes up the highest percentage of our municipal waste stream. 132 million pounds of food waste, along with 187 million pounds of compostable materials, are incinerated every year at exorbitant costs. These precious resources are being lost now, but there is boundless potential to recover these materials and support a food secure and self-reliant island. The collection of food scraps enables the production of thousands of lbs of compost and soil conditioner that build healthy, vital soils, increased production yields, prevent soil erosion, and increase water retention. The large-scale generation of local, high-quality compost is essential if our farmers will succeed in feeding Hawai‘i.

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Additionally, diverting a large percentage of these organics will prevent the anticipated expansion of HPOWER at a cost of tens, if not hundreds, of millions of dollars to the C&C. Any additional costs now to expand curbside collection to include compostables, is dwarfed by the prevented costs of a fourth boiler. The C&C does not directly have to conduct curbside collection, but instead can emulate other municipalities who have contracted out local networks of collection service, creating numerous local jobs and avoiding large management and infrastructure costs.

If the creation of a curbside collection system remains unpalatable, an alternative is to, at least, offer separate organics collection at transfer and convenience stations island-wide. Amendments to existing permits would be required, but overhead is reduced and a higher degree of quality control is possible.

Mahalo for your time considering this matter. I am happy to answer any questions, as I, and many others, have been working diligently for years to see O‘ahu embrace the value of

composting and food scrap rescue.

Jennifer Milholen

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Aloha Committee,

Mahalo for putting forth and considering this Bill.

Written Testimony Food waste composting is critical component of waste stream management that is currently missing from our C&C waste management services. A composting program will not only reduce the need for expand waste management infrastructure, but it will get us closer to our state and county goals to mitigate carbon in our atmosphere. My ensuring we do not burn or bury our food waste, and instead process back into soil, we will realize a cascade of positive impacts for our community. This includes the creation of local carbon-capturing soil amendments (and reduced need to import fertilizers).

Mahalo for considering this bill,
Nicole Chatterson
Zero Waste O‘ahu

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Aloha Council Members,

We leave in a convenience culture and it is this preference for convenience, combined with busy schedules and too many items on the to-do list, that makes it necessary for any sustainable behaviors to be easy to achieve. While some folks may partake in a community garden compost, backyard, or bokashi compost on their own time, the average person will not prioritize sustainable food waste disposal with the free time they have. Just as curbside recycling showed a MASSIVE increase in recycling island-wide, so too would curbside food waste collection. In fact, the rate of recycling and composting nationwide is in direct correlation to whether there is a curbside program and how often pick-up is.

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While the argument to keep food waste out of the landfill is a moot point on this island, the bigger argument is why throw away something that can serve as a purpose? Why throw away something that can create local jobs, make our farms and gardens more fertile, and decrease our need to import high-quality compost from the mainland. If any item can serve multiple purposes, shouldn't we act on that? Especially if some of those purposes help our environment and our community?

Our overall goal needs to be to decrease waste and a negative environmental footprint- recycling materials and food waste does just that if done properly. Let's model our city after cities like Seattle and San Francisco which set ambitious targets for zero waste and work relentlessly to achieve those goals. Let's be a model for island nations around the world to follow.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Kahn
Kahana Foundation

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Representing Self
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I submitted testimony previously in opposition to this bill because of the impracticality of collecting food wastes. I

I see that the CD1 has a removed (a) [(a) Garbage consisting of all organic wastes resulting from the preparation and serving of food, but not commercial cooking oil waste and commercial FOG waste;

That's great, but I also see that the bill still contains wording that should be removed. If no food waste will be collected, the following wording should be taken out as well--

Written Testimony (7) The director shall designate the city-provided cart into which food waste shall be placed and may specify additional standards for the placement of food waste in the carts."

Also on that Page (3), (5) food wastes. should be eliminated.

Please make those changes that would be in keeping with eliminating the Garbage section before you consider supporting this Bill.

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