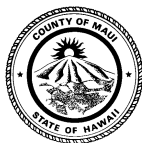


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TO: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Mike White
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike White".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 20, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1351, HD 1 RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING FUND**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure. The purpose of this measure is to reimburse the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui for expenses incurred during 2015 and 2016 related to the collection services associated with handling and collecting electronic devices for recycling.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The measure would clarify that funds collected by the state Department of Health for electronic recycling efforts can be disbursed to the counties. My understanding is that during the past few years, funds continued to be collected from manufacturers, but the Department of Health was unable to reimburse counties for collection expenses due to a legal interpretation. No new fees or taxes will need to be imposed for this disbursement.
2. Maui County recycles more than 1,500,000 pounds of electronic waste every year. This collaborative effort is a step to ensure the continuity of this program, which is widely received and appreciated by our residents.

Mahalo for your consideration.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.