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TO: The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

FROM: Kelly T. King
Council Chair

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1085, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER
PROGRAM**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize each county to manage the deposit beverage container program within its jurisdiction, authorize each county to retain any corresponding excess funds, and require deposit beverage distributor reports to include county-specific data. .

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. This measure would give counties an opportunity to take proactive steps in recycling, which would notably save energy and reduce pollution.
2. The money collected could fund projects that promote recyclable market development projects, the hiring of personnel to oversee the implementation of the deposit beverage container program, and associated office expenses.

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