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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB0630  
RELATING TO GLASS CONTAINER RECOVERY**

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

REPRESENTATIVE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS  
Hearing Date: February 7, 2019 Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The loss of approximately \$800,000 of revenue annually for glass  
2 recycling.

3 **Department Testimony:** This bill proposes to eliminate the Glass Advance Disposal Fee  
4 Program. The Department of Health has the following comments on this proposal.

5 At the current fee of 1.5 cents per glass container, the DOH collects approximately  
6 \$800K of revenue annually from glass importers that is disbursed to the counties in amounts  
7 relative to their population as specified by statute. According to the counties, this level of  
8 revenue is not sufficient to support their glass collection programs.

9 Additionally, we note that the Glass ADF program is the only State program that  
10 provides for the collection of glass that is not a deposit beverage container.

11 **Offered Amendments:** None

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**HB-630**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please oppose HB630.

Hawaii stands to lose valuable coastline due to climate change, which is already occurring. We need to be leading, not regressing, with respect to recycling.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

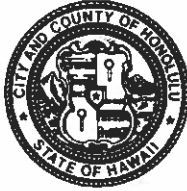
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February 6, 2019

The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair  
The Honorable Tina Wildberger, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection  
The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 224  
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Dear Chairs Lowen and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Wildberger and Kitagawa, and Members:

**SUBJECT: H.B. No. 630  
Relating to Glass Container Recovery**

The Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu (ENV) opposes H.B. No. 630 which proposes to eliminate the glass container recovery program in HRS Sec 342G-82.

Created in 1994, the Glass Container Recovery program, also known as the ADF (Advance Disposal Fee) program, appropriates funds to the counties to establish recycling programs for glass containers included in this program – mainly non-deposit or non-“HI-5” glass food and beverage containers. The City and County of Honolulu has used these funds to provide glass recycling subsidies to licensed glass recyclers on Oahu and to offset the cost of recycling the ADF glass it collects in its curbside blue cart recycling program. The ADF program has effectively diverted thousands of tons of glass from disposal in Oahu’s Waimanalo Gulch Landfill.

The intent of the ADF program is to assign responsibility for the cost of recycling to the producer. This concept, known as “extended producer responsibility,” establishes a shared responsibility for recycling among the manufacturer and the consumer, promotes the use of sustainable materials in manufacturing, and provides financial support for solid waste programs operated by government. Although the current fee assessed to importers of glass containers included in the ADF program is insufficient to

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cover the entire cost of recycling the glass container, eliminating this program and removing that funding altogether would place significantly more burden on government and the general taxpayer to manage our waste in a sustainable manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori M.K. Kahikina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lori M.K. Kahikina, P.E.  
Director