

SB 2081

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2081

January 28, 2010

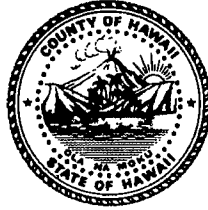
RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL

Senate Bill No. 2081 increases fines for littering and requires money to be deposited into a special account in the general fund for use by the State or county law enforcement agency that issued the littering citation.

We oppose this bill. As a matter of general policy, this department does not support the creation of any special account within the general fund of the State for specific purposes.

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HEARING DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2010

HEARING TIME: 2:45 P.M.

HEARING LOCATION: Conference Room 225

Re: Support Senate Bill 2081

Dear Senators Gabbard and English and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 2081.

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management is pleased to testify in support of SB2081. Littering continues to be a plaque on this island and has historically remained an ongoing problem statewide. Our department believes that the proposed amendments bring the State law penalties into congruence with County of Hawai'i ordinances prohibiting littering.

Our Department would recommend, however, that in the interest of administrative efficiency, the fines be paid directly to the Director of Finance of the County whose enforcement efforts have resulted in the fines, for the uses stated. Receiving these funds into our County General Fund will assist us to more readily pursue violators and lessen this vast problem.

Best Regards and Aloha,

Lono Tyson
DIRECTOR

cc: Mayor William Kenoi