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SB 34

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS IN STATE AND COUNTY PARKS

Senate Committee on Ecology and Environmental Protection

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SB 34 would appropriate funds for installation and maintenance of aluminum beverage container recycling bins in state and county parks.

Our statement on this measure does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

This is unquestionably a good concept, and we strongly support the intent, particularly if "management" on lines 4 and 12 is broadly construed to include both maintenance and routine collection. Also, the bins should be clearly marked as recycling and not trash containers, and a public service announcement campaign should be widely distributed to encourage the use of the bins.

We suspect that neither the state general fund nor county coffers will be likely sources of funding, and it is unlikely that these programs can be fully self-supporting. Under the principle that the polluter should pay, there is a strong rationale for institution of an advance deposit fee for imported aluminum containers from which this funding might be garnered. Although this concept has been adopted for glass containers imported into the state, there is considerable resistance to expanding the program to other materials. As in the past, we respectfully disagree with those who claim that such a fee structure would be unduly burdensome on businesses.