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HB 383 HD 1 RELATING TO BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Statement for
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HB 383 HD 1 would prohibit the manufacturing, distribution, or selling of beverage containers known as "plastic cans" that have both plastic and aluminum components in their basic structure.

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

It is our understanding that dual material beverage containers are much less amenable to recycling than the single component beverage containers of aluminum, glass, or plastic. Therefore, to encourage the recycling industries in the state as a means of addressing both litter control and reduction in solid waste to landfills, dual component beverage containers should be eliminated. HB 383 HD 1 recognizes this need by providing the necessary statutory language to prohibit the manufacture, distribution, or sale of beverage containers made from combinations of plastic and aluminum. We concur with the intent of HB 383 HD 1.