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HB 2266
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A STATEWIDE HOUSEHOLD AND AGRICULTURAL HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROJECT

Statement for
House Committees on
Planning, Energy and Environmental Protection
Agriculture
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HB 2266 would appropriate funds for a statewide collection and disposal project for household and agricultural wastes.

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

As pointed out in Section 1 of HB 2266, there are no hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities in the State. As a result farmers and others who may need to dispose of hazardous wastes have no economical methods for safe disposal. We can offer one indication of the need for this project from our personal experience. The University's Environmental Health and Safety Office and the Environmental Center frequently receive calls from farmers and the public for advice and assistance in the disposal of hazardous wastes. Judging from the interest and success of the previous hazardous waste collection project undertaken by the Department of Health, it seems apparent that another such collection and disposal project would be extremely beneficial to the state.