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Aloha Environmental Management Commission,

I strongly support recycling, reuse, remanufacturing and repurposing items that often end up in island landfill(s).

As 85 to 90% of consumed items in Hawaii County are imported, it is critical the county find solutions to barriers to repurposing/recycling.

In Hawaii County barriers are:

- Inadequate infrastructure (facilities and warehouse space),
- Inadequate collection systems,
- Insufficient end markets for reuse and recycling,
- Policy and staffing needs.

Collection systems within the County disproportionately impact rural, low income and houseless communities. Current system(s) are inadequate, create barriers due to design of limited availability and inconvenience.

Furthermore, current county recycling programs are inconvenient and cost prohibitive for both public and commercial users.

This posed both economic and environmental justice concerns

Respectful submitted,

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