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Aloha -

Thank you for taking public comments on agenda item VII-1.

I beseech the EMC to strongly recommend the Hawaii County Council to do everything possible to secure EPA funding to improve our recycling infrastructure.

This should certainly include preparing a draft RFA in collaboration with key stakeholders and community representatives in advance of the RFA release. I would also suggest that an experienced grant writer, either a County staffer or someone on contract, be tasked with leveraging this opportunity with other sources, both public and private. Finally, close coordination with other county and State officials might preclude counterproductive competing applications.

The EPA will surely prioritize funding projects with the broadest coalition of public and private support, expressed in both dollars and unified goals. This is an opportunity that really needs your support, that of the Council and all stakeholders!

Mahalo in advance for your consideration and efforts to improve recycling on the island.

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