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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 2023

TO: Ramzi Mansour, Director
Department of Environmental Management

FROM: Georjean Adams, Chair
Environmental Management Commission

RE: Advanced Disposal and Point of Sale Fees for Solid Waste Management

Per the March 29, 2023, meeting of the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) and discussion regarding the opinion by Deputy Corporation Counsel Keyra Wong, the EMC requests that the Director of the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) contact the State of Hawai'i Department of Health's Office of Solid Waste Management for the purpose of inquiring about assessing the feasibility of employing disposal fees, pursuant to Chapter 342G-14(6), Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The EMC requests that the Director confer with the Office of Solid Waste Management regarding the following:

1. Has the Office of Solid Waste Management recently assessed the feasibility of employing Advanced Disposal Fees (ADF) and/or Point of Sale (POS) Fees to offset costs of waste management and to help educate the public on the disposal impact of the products they purchase beyond those currently covered by ADFs? If so, can Hawai'i County DEM get a copy of the assessment and/or report?
2. If the Office of Solid Waste Management has not recently conducted such a study, we urge the Office to do so and report back to the counties on the assessment.

Potential products for fees include electronics, paper and plastic goods, paint, carpets and other goods that could potentially be recycled if we had sufficient funds to support reuse/recycling programs.

Please note that we are interested in fees that could be charged to the consumer up front (such as with HI-5), rather than solely to the manufacturer or distributor. Our interest is not only to obtain a stream of revenue for Hawai'i County waste reduction programs, but also to educate the consumer on the potential waste impacts of their purchasing decisions.

C: Hawai'i County Council members

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