

**From:** [Georjean Adams](#)  
**To:** [Sur, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Notice of hearing for HB 1688  
**Date:** Monday, February 5, 2024 10:21:00 PM  
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Dell sent to me. I didn't see you or anyone else as cc. Please enter to record.

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**From:** Dell Otsuka <[otsukadell@gmail.com](mailto:otsukadell@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 8:59 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Notice of hearing for HB 1688  
**To:** Georjean Adams <[gadamsemc@gmail.com](mailto:gadamsemc@gmail.com)>

I understand both HB 1688 and companion bill SB2368 has passed its first reading.

In voting YES, I believe that the 'needs assessments' if conducted as it should and is intended to; will provide informed debates and advocate for amendments or revisions for subsequent readings on these EPR bills that may become law.

Having a comprehensive needs assessment should help build support for the proposed legislation by demonstrating the relevance and potential impact on our pressing environmental issues.

Also by having ongoing needs assessments (after law) can be valuable for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of this legislation and make changes as necessary.

- Many of our current laws fail to deliver and are ineffective due to a lack of monitoring, enforcement and accountability.

Thank you.

Dell

On Sun, Feb 4, 2024 at 8:56 PM Dell Otsuka <[otsukadell@gmail.com](mailto:otsukadell@gmail.com)> wrote:

I am voting YES to the letter notice dated February 2, 2024 from EMC Chairwoman Georjean Adams for further consideration on HB 1688.

Dell Otsuka, Commissioner, District 3.

On Sun, Feb 4, 2024 at 10:02 AM Georjean Adams <[gadamsemc@gmail.com](mailto:gadamsemc@gmail.com)> wrote:

I vote yes to send the letter distributed Feb 2, 2024, on HB 1688.  
Georjean Adams, Commissioner, District 9

On Fri, Feb 2, 2024 at 9:08 PM Georjean Adams <[gadamsemc@gmail.com](mailto:gadamsemc@gmail.com)> wrote:

EMC Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter on HB1688.

I ask for majority consent (meaning at least 5 in favor) to approve the attached statement. Please respond by the **morning of Feb 6**, so I'll have time to submit

the letter as testimony by Feb 7, if approved.

Mahalo,  
Georjean

On Thu, Feb 1, 2024 at 8:40 AM Sur, Peter <[Peter.Sur@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:Peter.Sur@hawaiicounty.gov)> wrote:

1. [HRS 92-2.5\(h\)](#)

(h) Where notice of the deadline to submit testimony to the legislature is less than the notice requirements in this section, a board may circulate for approval a statement regarding a position previously adopted by the board; provided that the position previously adopted by the board, the statement to be submitted as testimony, and communications among board members about the statement, including drafts, shall be in writing and accessible to the public, within forty-eight hours of the statement's circulation to the board, on the board's website, or, if the board does not have a website, on an appropriate state or county website.

2. The Environmental Management Commission at its duly noticed meeting on January 24, 2024, adopted a motion to support extended producer legislation in the 2024 session of the Legislature, and to authorize recommendations to the Department of Environmental Management, the Hawai'i County Council, and the Legislature.

3. [House Bill 1688](#):

Requires the Department of Health to conduct a statewide needs assessment to determine what would be needed to transition to a more circular system with less waste generation, more reuse, and an extended producer responsibility program for packaging materials and paper products. Appropriates funds.

(H ) [1/31/2024](#) - Bill scheduled to be heard by EEP on Thursday, 02-08-24 9:30AM in House conference room 325 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.

4. All communications among commissioners related to this item shall include the Board Secretary and shall be posted to <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/Browse.aspx?dbid=1&startid=128265>.

**Peter Sur**



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