



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SB 2843, SD2, HD2 – RELATING TO ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of SB 2843, SD2, HD2 and requests one important amendment.

This bill would increase the responsible recycling and disposal of electronic waste (ewaste). We appreciate the House's consideration of our previous testimony and responsiveness to our concerns with earlier versions. However, we note that the current language in the Bill does not include computers other than laptops.

We request that the definition of "included electronic devices" be amended to include "computers" in addition to "computer printers." Our experience is that both computers and computer printers are a substantial component of Hawai'i's ewaste problems.

Our request is the direct result of our experience coordinating one of the largest ewaste disposal efforts in the State. In collaboration with Apple Computer, in October 2006 the University of Hawai'i coordinated a one-week statewide educational ewaste disposal program. At no direct cost to the University, DOE or private schools, we collected and responsibly disposed of 51 containers of unused electronic equipment from schools and colleges on four islands. Apple paid for the containers and all associated handling. Also at Apple's sole expense, the 1.2 million pounds of e-waste we collected were removed from Hawai'i for responsible recycling and disposal. This equipment included computers, computer printers, monitors and televisions.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to include "computers" as "included electronic devices" that would be part of Hawai'i's responsible ewaste disposal program.