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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 13: PROVIDE FUNDING TO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO ENSURE CONTINUED TRASH COLLECTION FOR MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES, CONDOMINIUMS & NONPROFITS

Kokua Legal Services (KLS) is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization serving the island of O'ahu. Our community housing division provides building and grounds maintenance for the Puu Heleakala Community Association in Nānākuli on the Wai'anae coast. We employ adults from underserved communities, and provide job training to the long-term unemployed.

We **SUPPORT** the funding necessary to continue carrying out the rubbish removal work done by the County's Environmental Services Department. Currently, that work is done by front-end loader trucks. We trust that our County leaders will have the foresight to properly maintain, repair and/or replace those trucks when needed.

On February 25, 2015, Judge Karl Sakamoto issued a final judgment enjoining Mayor Kirk Caldwell and the City and County of Honolulu from discontinuing public refuse collection and disposal services on O'ahu to 181 multi-family properties, condominiums and non-profit organizations.

Puu Heleakala is made up of 236 condominiums and townhouses on 28 acres. The development was built in 1974. It is located on Helelua Street and Helelua Place, which are both public roads. It is vital to the health and welfare of our community that the County continue living up to its responsibility to provide the same type of trash collection services as it does to single family residences. Puu Heleakala owners pay property taxes to receive County services.

Puu Heleakala buys its own dumpsters and staff manually push those 400 lb dumpsters to the curb to make it easier for the County trucks to empty them. Many single family residences receive trash and recycling bins free of charge from the County. We are not asking the County to provide those for each of our 236 residences, but we *are* asking that the County provide the funding needed to Environmental Services to avoid any future disruption of trash collection services to a broad swath of O'ahu citizens.

Sincerely,

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