The Honorable Carol Fukunanga, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Public Works, Infrastructure and Sustainability
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Fukunanga and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Proposed an Amendment to Chapter 9, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (Refuse) specifically as Related to Food Waste

Following for your consideration is an amended version of Bill 9, as discussed with Councilmember Kobayashi. This amendment encourages the repurposing of excess food to those in need, with the additional benefit of diverting waste from the landfill.

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing and adopting these changes. If you have any questions, please contact Michael O'Keefe at 768-3427. We look forward to your recommendations and the public hearing for this matter.

Sincerely,

Lori M.K. Kahikiha P.E., Director
Department of Environmental Services

Attachment

APPROVED:

Roy K. Amemiya, Jr.
Managing Director

DEPT. COM. 75
RELATING TO FOOD WASTE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address the repurposing of pre-consumer food waste.

SECTION 2. Section 9-3.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is amended to read as follows:

(k) Food establishments are encouraged to donate their wholesome leftover or surplus non-perishable and unspoiled perishable food to food banks, pantries, soup kitchens, shelters or other organizations that can redistribute it for human consumption. Such donations divert waste from disposal, help conserve natural resources and, most importantly, provide assistance to individuals and families in need. [Nothing in this section shall preclude a food establishment from donating leftover or unsold food that is safe to consume to a food bank.]

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revised of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.
SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawaii Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of ______________, 20_____.

KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Bill 9 (2017)