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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Chair  
Rep. Elle Cochran, Vice Chair  
Comm. on Energy & Environmental Protection

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9:30 am  
Via Videoconferencing

RE: **HB2123** Air Quality Testing - **Conditional Support with Amendments**

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran & Committee Members,

The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce represents over 100 small businesses across the State of Hawaii that strive for a triple bottom line: people, planet and prosperity – we know we can strengthen our economy without hurting workers, consumers, communities or the environment. This is why we conditionally support HB2123 only with the following amendments.

While HB2123, in its current draft form, appropriates funds for the department of health to conduct air quality testing for certain chemicals at waste management facilities, there is insufficient language to ensure we are continuously monitoring air quality, lessening greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing global warming.

Please add relevant provisions from HB2796 (Relating to Health) into this bill to achieve the following outcomes:

- only monitor waste burners, including any biomass or fossil fuel power plants that start burning waste, and including any small pyrolysis, gasification or other waste-to-fuels facilities that may be built
- require that incinerator emissions be tested continuously and require that data be available live online
- require testing of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter
- if technology for continuous monitoring is not available for redioxins/furans, PCBs, PFAS, and PAHs, require continuous sampling and data reporting
- funding for air quality monitoring should not come from state taxpayers through DOH, it should be covered by fees on the incinerators – this will expose the true costs of this fuel source compared with alternative energy sources.