
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE
HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE PVT LANDFILL.

1 WHEREAS, the PVT Landfill, owned and operated by the PVT
2 Land Company and located in Lualualei Valley, Oahu, is a solid
3 waste landfill that accepts construction and demolition material
4 and asbestos and petroleum contaminated soils suitable for
5 bioremediation; and

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7 WHEREAS, construction and demolition material contains
8 substances known to be particularly hazardous to health, such as
9 pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls, cyanide, volatile organic
10 compounds, base-neutral/acid extractable organic compounds, and
11 metals, including lead and mercury; and

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13 WHEREAS, it is well-documented that asbestos releases tiny
14 fibers into the air that can remain suspended for a long time,
15 exposure to which is associated with malignant mesothelioma and
16 other forms of cancer, asbestosis, pleural plaques, and other
17 respiratory and health-related problems; and

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19 WHEREAS, landfills also emit highly flammable gases, such
20 as hydrogen sulphide and methane, that may be explosive at
21 certain levels; and

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23 WHEREAS, the foregoing hazardous chemicals, metals, gases,
24 and materials, along with the fugitive dust from the PVT
25 Landfill, may cause on-site and off-site contamination that may
26 be hazardous to the health of landfill workers and people living
27 in communities near the landfill; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Department of Health regulates the PVT
30 Landfill; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
4 requested to conduct a study of the health impacts of the PVT
5 Landfill to landfill workers and the communities near the
6 landfill; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
9 requested to report its findings and recommendations, including
10 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
11 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
12 2007; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
16 and the President of the PVT Land Company.

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