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## SENATE 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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32           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
34 that the Department of Health is requested to conduct a study of



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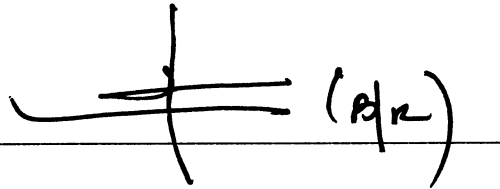
1 the health impacts of the PVT Landfill to landfill workers and  
2 the communities near the landfill; and

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

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and the  
12 President of the PVT Land Company.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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