

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1513-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 6, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 58
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.R. No. 58 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE WAIMANALO GULCH SANITARY LANDFILL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to report on the status of its litigation against Waste Management of Hawaii, Incorporated and the City and County of Honolulu with respect to violations of the operating permit for the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill on Oahu.

Your Committee understands that the Department of Health recently issued an order to the City and County of Honolulu and Waste Management of Hawaii, Incorporated, citing eighteen violations of the operating permit for the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill. The status and outcome of this enforcement matter is of concern to the Legislature and the public, including the people living and working in the communities surrounding the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill and the workers of the landfill itself.

Your Committee also understands that there is a need for information on how the Department of Health conducts health surveillances related to matters of environmental concern, including landfill and infectious disease issues, and how the

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divisions of the Department of Health work together, share information, and determine actions to be taken by the Department.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Department of Health to prepare a report for submittal to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007, explaining:
 - (A) How it conducts health surveillances related to environmental factors, such as landfills and infectious disease; and
 - (B) How the divisions of the Department of Health work together to share information on environmental matters and determine any actions to be taken; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, style, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 58, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 58, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

for Rep Cindy Evans
HERMINI MORITA, Chair



