
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAII AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO IMPLEMENT AN ODOR
MITIGATION PLAN FOR ITS FACILITY IN HAWAII KAI.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii American Water Company is a wholly-owned
2 subsidiary of American Water, the largest and most
3 geographically diverse provider of water services in North
4 America, and provides wastewater service to nearly 35,000 people
5 in Hawaii Kai and along the Kona Coast of the Big Island; and
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii American Water Company owns and operates
8 Hawaii Kai's sewage treatment plant; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai sewage treatment plant has been
11 cited at neighborhood board meetings as the source for excessive
12 odor emissions that have caused residents great discomfort and
13 health problems; and
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15 WHEREAS, the odor problems, which smell like rotten eggs,
16 is the result of hydrogen sulfide emissions, similar to the ones
17 prevalent at the Kailua Wastewater Treatment plant; and
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19 WHEREAS, as Hawaii Kai and Kailua residents already know,
20 hydrogen sulfide can cause eye irritation, respiratory
21 difficulties, vomiting, nausea, and a host of other health
22 problems; and
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24 WHEREAS, a representative of Hawaii American Water Company
25 told the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board that while the odor
26 problem could be managed by chemical and other means, it would
27 not be possible to eliminate all odors entirely; and
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29 WHEREAS, there have been studies in the past, most recently
30 in 2006, that address the problem of odor emissions from sewage
31 treatment plants and recommend solutions; and
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1 WHEREAS, representatives of the Hawaii American Water
2 Company have told the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board that they
3 have already implemented some of the recommendations mentioned
4 in this most recent study; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii American
9 Water Company is requested to develop an odor mitigation plan
10 for the Hawaii Kai sewage treatment plant; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii American Water Company
13 is requested to present that plan to the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood
14 Board before the end of 2007; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii American Water
18 Company and the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board.
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OFFERED BY:



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