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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE AND COUNTIES TO INCREASE RECYCLING, ENCOURAGE  
THE GROWTH OF INNOVATIVE RECYCLING INDUSTRIES, AND PROCURE  
RECYCLED PRODUCTS.

1           WHEREAS, limited space remains in the State's landfills to  
2 absorb the quantities of solid waste that is generated in the  
3 State; and

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5           WHEREAS, in the past decade, great strides have been made  
6 to reduce the amount of solid waste that is deposited in  
7 Hawaii's landfills; and

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9           WHEREAS, currently, approximately one-third of the solid  
10 waste generated on Oahu is recycled, one-third is used as fuel  
11 at a hydrogen power facility, and the remaining third is placed  
12 in a landfill; and

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14           WHEREAS, the city and county of Honolulu and the State have  
15 emphasized measures to encourage recycling by residents,  
16 including curbside recycling, mandatory recycling by municipal  
17 agencies, and the deposit beverage container program; and

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19           WHEREAS, innovative private enterprises have emerged which  
20 increase recycling, including turning recycled glass into road  
21 construction material, using recycled plastics to manufacture  
22 "plastic lumber" and park benches, and recycling old tires for  
23 use as landscaping material or fuel; now, therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
28 urges state and county government departments and agencies to  
29 take steps to decrease the amount of solid waste entering  
30 Hawaii's landfills by increasing recycling opportunities  
31 available to individuals, encouraging the growth of innovative



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1 private industries that recycle waste into useable products, and  
2 procuring products made from recycled materials whenever  
3 available; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor who in turn  
7 is requested to transmit copies to the director of each  
8 executive department of the county and to the mayor of each  
9 county who in turn is requested to transmit copies to the  
10 chairperson and members of the appropriate county council and  
11 the director of each executive department.  
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