
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL COUNTIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WASTE-TO-ENERGY
CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY TO DISPOSE OF SOLID WASTE, RATHER
THAN EXPAND OR CREATE NEW LANDFILLS.

1 WHEREAS, recycling is a key component of an effective and
2 sustainable waste-management system; and
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4 WHEREAS, all fossil fuels consumed in Hawaii are imported
5 and are subject to worldwide escalations in energy prices, which
6 are eventually passed on to consumers; and
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8 WHEREAS, as the most geographically isolated state in the
9 nation, Hawaii can and should make greater efforts to recycle
10 its solid waste and convert it to usable energy; and
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12 WHEREAS, the additional conversion of waste to energy can
13 help increase the energy self-sufficiency, security, and
14 sustainability of Hawaii; and
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16 WHEREAS, the availability of space in Hawaii for use as
17 landfills is decreasing, particularly on Oahu; and
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19 WHEREAS, waste-to-energy conversion technology has become
20 more efficient and cost-effective than ever before; now,
21 therefore,
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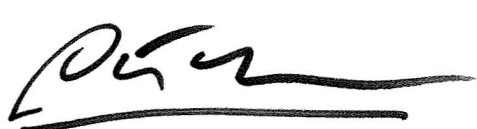
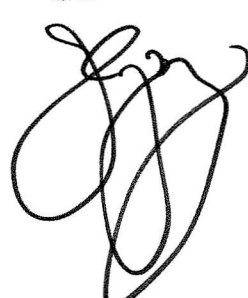
23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the counties are requested
26 to consider adopting waste-to-energy conversion technologies
27 before expanding existing landfills or opening new landfills;
28 and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the mayors and council
3 chairpersons of the City and County of Honolulu, County of
4 Hawaii, County of Maui, and County of Kauai.
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