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## HOUSE 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, that the counties are requested to consider adopting  
26 waste-to-energy conversion technologies before expanding  
27 existing landfills or opening new landfills; and



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

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