
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR
THE COLLECTION OF USED TIRES TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL DUMPING.

1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 500,000 to 1,000,000 waste
2 tires are generated in Hawaii each year; and
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4 WHEREAS, many of those used tires end up on the side of
5 roads and in illegal dumps, spoiling the natural beauty of the
6 islands; and
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8 WHEREAS, abandoned scrap tire stockpiles cause
9 environmental damage, including causing fires, creating
10 potential for mosquito breeding grounds, and contaminating the
11 air, water, and soil; and
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13 WHEREAS, the state Used Motor Vehicle Tire Recovery law
14 regulates the disposal of used tires by:
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- 16 (1) Prohibiting the placement of whole motor vehicle tires
17 in mixed municipal solid waste;
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- 19 (2) Prohibiting the disposal of motor vehicle tires except
20 by delivery to a motor vehicle tire retailer, tire
21 wholesaler, or an authorized tire collection or
22 authorized tire recycler;
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- 24 (3) Requiring tire retailers to accept used tires from
25 customers buying new tires;
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- 27 (4) Requiring tire wholesalers to collect used tires from
28 the retailer within 90 days;
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- 30 (5) Limiting the accumulation of used tires by the
31 retailer to 250 tires; and
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1 (6) Requiring that the tires be stored in a manner
2 consistent with fire prevention and vector control;

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6 WHEREAS, there are few tire recycling facilities in the
7 state, making it difficult for tire retailers and wholesalers to
8 comply with these requirements; and

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10 WHEREAS, there are reports that some tire collection
11 services are not carrying out their responsibilities to properly
12 deliver used tires they have collected from tire retailers and
13 wholesalers for a fee, to the tire recycling facilities, and the
14 tires are instead found in illegal dump sites, particularly on
15 the Waianae Coast; and

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17 WHEREAS, the implementation of a used tire collection
18 system that requires a tire collection service to deliver the
19 used tires to the recycling facility before the tire collection
20 receives payment, would improve this situation; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2010, that the Department of Health is urged to develop and
25 implement a voucher system for tire collection services whereby
26 the tire collection service is required to deliver the used
27 tires to the recycling facility before the tire collection
28 service may receive payment; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, President
32 of Maui Tire Recycling, LLC, and President of Unitek Solvent
33 Services, Inc.

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