
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CONVENING OF TASK FORCES TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY
BENEFITS PACKAGES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS LOCATED NEAREST TO
LANDFILLS.

1 WHEREAS, landfills in the State benefit the entire island
2 or county upon or in which they are located, but adversely and
3 disproportionately affect the residents of neighborhoods located
4 closest to them; and

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6 WHEREAS, residents of neighborhoods located closest to
7 landfills deserve special consideration in the name of
8 environmental justice; and

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10 WHEREAS, exposure to landfills may have cumulative and
11 long-term health effects on the residents of neighborhoods
12 located closest to landfills; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Health is
17 urged to convene task forces with the counties, other than for
18 the County of Kalawao, beginning with the most populous county
19 and proceeding with the other counties in order of population,
20 to develop community benefits packages for the neighborhoods
21 located closest to landfills; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task forces are requested
24 to consider reduction or elimination of property taxes for
25 homeowners nearest the landfills as part of the community
26 benefits packages; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task forces are requested
29 to consider funding mechanisms, including user fees or
30 additional tipping fees, for the community health centers
31 located closest to landfills; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
2 most populous county are requested to convene their task force
3 for that county expeditiously; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
6 most populous county are requested to report to the Legislature
7 regarding the recommendations of their task force no later than
8 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
9 2012, at which time the task force for the most populous county
10 shall cease to exist; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
13 second most populous county are requested to report to the
14 Legislature regarding the recommendations of their task force no
15 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
16 Session of 2013, at which time the task force for the second
17 most populous county shall cease to exist; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
20 third most populous county are requested to report to the
21 Legislature regarding the recommendations of their task force no
22 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
23 Session of 2014, at which time the task force for the third most
24 populous county shall cease to exist; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
27 fourth most populous county are requested to report to the
28 Legislature regarding the recommendations of the task force no
29 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
30 Session of 2015, at which time the task force for the fourth
31 most populous county shall cease to exist; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
35 and the Mayors of the four most populous counties.
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OFFERED BY: Karen Curran

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