
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO
SUPPORT A WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT EQUITABLY
DISTRIBUTES ITS BENEFITS AND BURDENS ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, the leeward coast of Oahu is the location of two
2 landfills: the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, owned by the
3 City and County, which is the only licensed landfill on Oahu
4 capable of receiving Oahu's total daily output of non-reusable
5 municipal solid waste; and the PVT Landfill, owned by the PVT
6 Landfill Co., Ltd., which is the only licensed landfill on Oahu
7 capable of receiving Oahu's total daily output of non-municipal
8 solid waste; and
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10 WHEREAS, the non-municipal solid waste deposited at the PVT
11 Landfill is piled above-ground and includes construction waste,
12 demolition waste, asbestos, petroleum contaminated soil, liquid
13 waste and sludge, concrete construction debris with lead based
14 painted surfaces, lead acid batteries, and waste containing less
15 than 50ppm of polychlorinated biphenyl; and
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17 WHEREAS, a mere seven hundred fifty feet separates the PVT
18 Landfill from single family dwelling residential units and
19 churches, raising concerns that residents living in such close
20 proximity to the landfill may be exposed to long term health
21 risks; and
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23 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu
24 acknowledge that the leeward coast is burdened as the locale of
25 a major part of the waste management system of the City and
26 County of Honolulu; and
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28 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu
29 acknowledge that other communities on Oahu must share in the
30 burdens of an effective and fair waste management system; now,
31 therefore,



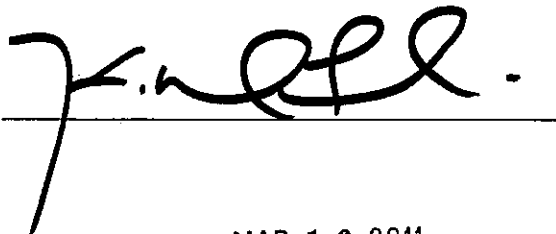
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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 3 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 4 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the State, through the
 5 Governor, and the City and County of Honolulu are urged to
 6 support a waste management system that equitably distributes its
 7 benefits and burdens across the community; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and
 10 County of Honolulu are requested to support a user fee of \$2 for
 11 each trash bin pickup of municipal solid waste and a daily
 12 tipping fee of \$10 per ton of municipal solid waste to be
 13 deposited into the PVT Landfill; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and
 16 County of Honolulu are requested to support the establishment of
 17 a special fund to receive those fees, which should be used to
 18 provide financial support to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
 19 Health Center in its effort to increase the level of health care
 20 for the people of the leeward coast; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and
 23 County of Honolulu are requested to support exemption of the
 24 residents of the leeward coast from Honokai Hale to Makua from
 25 the user fee of \$2; since the health of these residents is
 26 placed at risk by living in close proximity to the landfills;
 27 and

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 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 31 Director of Health, the Mayor, the Council Chairperson, and the
 32 Director of Environmental Services of the City and County of
 33 Honolulu.

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 36 OFFERED BY: 

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