
HOUSE 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, landfills in the State benefit the entire island
2 or county upon or in which they are located, but may adversely
3 and disproportionately affect the residents of neighborhoods
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; and
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14 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by private citizens that
15 non-municipal solid waste deposited at landfills within the
16 state is piled aboveground and includes construction waste,
17 waste, sludge, concrete construction debris with lead-based
18 painted surfaces, lead acid batteries, and waste containing less
19 than 50 parts per million of polychlorinated biphenyl; and
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21 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu
22 acknowledge that the Leeward Coast is burdened as the locale of
23 a major part of the waste management system of the City and
24 County of Honolulu; and
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26 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu
27 acknowledge that other communities on Oahu must share in the
28 burdens of an effective and fair waste management system; now,
29 therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
33 of 2011, that the State, through the Governor, and the City and
34 County of Honolulu are urged to support a waste management



1 system that equitably distributes its benefits and burdens
2 across the community; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
6 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the
7 Honolulu City Council, and Director of the Department of
8 Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

