
SENATE 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 may adversely
3 and disproportionately affect the residents of neighborhoods
4 located closest to them; and

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6 WHEREAS, residents of neighborhoods located closest to
7 landfills may 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 demolition waste, asbestos, petroleum, contaminated soil, liquid
18 waste, sludge, concrete construction debris with lead-based
19 painted surfaces, lead acid batteries, and waste containing less
20 than fifty parts per million of polychlorinated biphenyl; now,
21 therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Health
26 is urged to convene task forces with the counties, other than
27 for the County of Kalawao, beginning with the most populous
28 county and proceeding with the other counties in decreasing
29 order by population, to develop community benefits packages for
30 the neighborhoods located closest to landfills; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task forces are requested
2 to consider reduction or elimination of property taxes for
3 homeowners nearest the landfills as part of the community
4 benefits packages; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task forces are requested
7 to support funding mechanisms, including a user fee of \$2 for
8 each trash bin pickup of municipal solid waste or an additional
9 tipping fee of \$10 per ton for non-municipal solid waste, for
10 the community health centers located closest to landfills; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
13 most populous county are requested to convene their task force
14 for that county expeditiously; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
17 most populous county are requested to report to the Legislature
18 regarding the recommendations of their task force no later than
19 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
20 2012, at which time the task force for the most populous county
21 shall cease to exist; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
24 second most populous county are requested to report to the
25 Legislature regarding the recommendations of their task force no
26 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
27 Session of 2013, at which time the task force for the second
28 most populous county shall cease to exist; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
31 third most populous county are requested to report to the
32 Legislature regarding the recommendations of their task force no
33 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
34 Session of 2014, at which time the task force for the third most
35 populous county shall cease to exist; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
38 fourth most populous county are requested to report to the
39 Legislature regarding the recommendations of the task force no
40 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
41 Session of 2015, at which time the task force for the fourth
42 most populous county shall cease to exist; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
3 and the Mayors of the four most populous counties.

