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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING LANDFILLS TO NOT ACCEPT MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE.

1 WHEREAS, landfills across the State are either at or near
2 capacity; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii produces almost twice as much solid waste
5 per person per day compared to the rest of the United States;
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8 WHEREAS, the State has not come close to meeting its goals
9 to reduce the solid waste stream through source reduction,
10 recycling, and bioconversion; and

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12 WHEREAS, non-acceptance of municipal solid waste reflects
13 the decision and order that the Land Use Commission issued in
14 2009 regarding Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill; and

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16 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has indicated that
17 it plans to request an extension of the life of Waimanalo Gulch
18 Sanitary Landfill; and

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20 WHEREAS, a deluge of rain on January 12, 2011, dislodged
21 medical waste from the landfill, where it was carried downstream
22 as runoff, and ultimately washed ashore along west Oahu
23 coastline; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
27 that effective July 1, 2012, all landfills on Oahu are requested
28 to not accept municipal solid waste, with the exceptions of
29 special waste and waste created as a result of a natural
30 disaster; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all landfills on Hawaii, Maui,
33 and Kauai are requested to not accept municipal solid waste,
34 with the exceptions of special waste and waste created as a
35 result of a natural disaster, beginning on a date determined by
36 resolution of the respective county council; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
3 Health, the Chairperson of the Land Use Commission, and to the
4 Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council of each county.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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