
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, 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,



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

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
10 of Health, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson
11 of the Honolulu City Council, and Director of the Department of
12 Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

