
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; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Health
17 is urged to convene task forces with the counties, other than
18 for the County of Kalawao, beginning with the most populous
19 county and proceeding with the other counties in decreasing
20 order by population, to study the feasibility of providing
21 community benefits packages for the neighborhoods and community
22 health centers located closest to landfills; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
25 most populous county are requested to convene their task force
26 for that county expeditiously; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
29 most populous county are requested to report to the Legislature
30 regarding the recommendations of their task force no later than
31 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of



1 2012, at which time the task force for the most populous county
2 shall cease to exist; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
5 second most populous county are requested to report to the
6 Legislature regarding the recommendations of their task force no
7 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
8 Session of 2013, at which time the task force for the second
9 most populous county shall cease to exist; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
12 third most populous county are requested to report to the
13 Legislature regarding the recommendations of their task force no
14 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
15 Session of 2014, at which time the task force for the third most
16 populous county shall cease to exist; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the
19 fourth most populous county are requested to report to the
20 Legislature regarding the recommendations of the task force no
21 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
22 Session of 2015, at which time the task force for the fourth
23 most populous county shall cease to exist; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
27 and the Mayors of the four most populous counties.

