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# 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 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



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 consider funding mechanisms, including user fees or  
8 additional tipping fees, for the community health centers  
9 located closest to landfills; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the  
12 most populous county are requested to convene their task force  
13 for that county expeditiously; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the  
16 most populous county are requested to report to the Legislature  
17 regarding the recommendations of their task force no later than  
18 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
19 2012, at which time the task force for the most populous county  
20 shall cease to exist; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the  
23 second most populous county are requested to report to the  
24 Legislature regarding the recommendations of their task force no  
25 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
26 Session of 2013, at which time the task force for the second  
27 most populous county shall cease to exist; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the  
30 third most populous county are requested to report to the  
31 Legislature regarding the recommendations of their task force no  
32 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
33 Session of 2014, at which time the task force for the third most  
34 populous county shall cease to exist; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health and the  
37 fourth most populous county are requested to report to the  
38 Legislature regarding the recommendations of the task force no  
39 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
40 Session of 2015, at which time the task force for the fourth  
41 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.

