

IRON WORKERS STABILIZATION FUND

Fax No. - 586-6281

Hon. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair and Members
Committee on Health
Room 420 - State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: HCR281/HR248, Requesting the State and the C & C of Honolulu to Support
a Waste Management System that Equitably Distributes its Benefits and
Burdens Across the Community

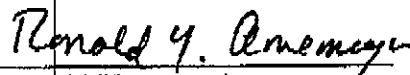
March 29, 2011, 9:00a.m, Conference Room 329

Dear Chair Yamane and Members:

Enclosed please find our proposed amendments to HCR281/H248 that we respectfully request be passed by your committee which we believe are self-explanatory. The changes that we seek are ministerial and do not affect the intent of HCR281/H248. The language deleted is bracketed and the new language is underlined.

Please call us at 671-4344 should there be any questions.

Sincerely,


Ronald Y. Amemiya
Governmental Affairs

Enclosure - HCR281, HD1



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.

WHEREAS, the leeward coast of Oahu is the location of two landfills: the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, owned by the City and County, which is the only licensed landfill on Oahu capable of receiving Oahu's total daily output of non-reusable municipal solid waste; and the PVT Landfill, owned by the PVT Landfill Co., Ltd., which is the only licensed landfill on Oahu capable of receiving Oahu's total daily output of non-municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the non-municipal solid waste deposited at the PVT Landfill is piled above-ground and includes construction waste, demolition waste, asbestos, petroleum contaminated soil, liquid waste and sludge, concrete construction debris with lead based painted surfaces, lead acid batteries, and waste containing less than 50ppm of polychlorinated biphenyl; and

WHEREAS, a mere seven hundred fifty feet separates the PVT Landfill from single family dwelling residential units and churches, raising concerns that residents living in such close proximity to the landfill may be exposed to long term health risks; and

WHEREAS, the State ~~and the City and County of Honolulu~~ acknowledges that the leeward coast is burdened as the locale of a major part of the waste management system of the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the State ~~and the City and County of Honolulu~~ acknowledges that other communities on Oahu must share in the burdens of an effective and fair waste management system; now, therefore,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and County of Honolulu are requested to support a user fee of \$2 for each trash bin pickup of municipal solid waste to be deposited at the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill and a daily tipping fee of \$10 per ton of waste to be deposited into the PVT Landfill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and County of Honolulu are requested to support the establishment of a special fund to receive those fees, which shall be used to provide

financial support to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center in its effort to increase the level of health care for the people of the leeward coast; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and County of Honolulu are requested to support exemption of the residents of the leeward coast from Honokai Hale to ~~Makua~~ Keaau from the user fee of \$2, since the health of these residents is placed at risk by living in close proximity to the landfills; and

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

OFFERED BY: _____

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March 29, 2011, 9:00 a.m., CR 329

Dear Chair Yamane and Members:

Thank you for permitting me to provide this testimony.

Although this measure, HCR281/HR248 discusses a community benefit package for the residents of the Waianae Coast, including many construction workers, we do not want to leave the impression that we welcome any landfill on the west side. As we have always stated, we wish to rid all landfills from the leeward coast.

However, should landfills still remain on the west side, we seek said community benefit package to address the long-term health issues that our residents will face.

We seek the passage of HCR281/HR248 as amended by Proposed HD1 that has been provided to your committee.



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March 28, 2011

AMENDED

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HCR281/HR 248 – Requesting the State and the C & C of Honolulu to Support a Waste Management System that Equitably Distributes its Benefits and Burdens Across the Community

Hearing Date – March 29, 2011, 9:00 am, Conference Room 329

Enclosed please find HCR281/HR248, Proposed HD1.

For all too long, the residents of the west side of Oahu have been overly burdened by a combination of landfills, a power plant, a wastewater treatment plant, H-Power facilities, unexploded ordnance, and the homeless. There are many workers in the construction trades, including ironworkers, living on the west side.

Because of said burden they face daily, we believe the residents of the west side will face certain long-term health effects and issues. For this reason, we do not believe it would be unreasonable for our west side residents to be accorded effective medical treatment to be administered at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and, paid for by all other residents of Oahu.

We respectfully request that you pass HCR281/HR248, HD1 as we have proposed.

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