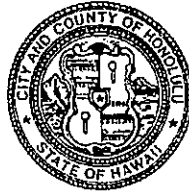


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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Health  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane and Members:

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 281/House Resolution (HR) 248, 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

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services (ENV) opposes HCR 281 and HR 248, 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.

The Resolutions inappropriately characterize the positions of the City and County regarding acknowledgement that the leeward coast is burdened by the landfill; that other communities on Oahu must share in the burdens of an effective and fair waste management system; or, that the health of residents is placed at risk by living in close proximity to the landfills.

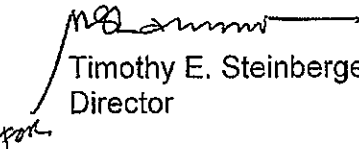
Suggesting a fee, which is incomplete in those in which might be charged, to generate funds to go to a single special interest is inappropriate.

Further, these proposals, and any determination of whether a community benefit package and of what kind, is properly within the authority of the City and County and not appropriate for the Legislature to infringe on, even through recommendations.

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We urge the committee to not pass HCR 281 and HR 248 and to appropriately leave such determinations to the City and County of Honolulu.

Sincerely,

  
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