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GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

LATE TESTIMONY

March 31, 2011

TO: THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SUBJECT: HCR 281/HR 248.

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, April 1, 2011
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 329

Dear Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee on Health:

The General Contractors Association (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred and eighty (580) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms, **opposes** the passage of HCR 281/HR 248, insofar as these resolutions seek to add significant costs to processing waste at landfills, including PVT, Oahu's only construction and demolition waste landfill.

The effort to add additional costs to landfilling at PVT will make economic recovery more difficult, as it will add very significant costs to the construction industry. These additional costs will make construction more costly. The construction industry and its employees cannot afford these additional costs. Ultimately, additional costs will be passed through to the owners and developers of the construction projects on Oahu.

GCA understands that communities do not want landfills. However, landfills are a necessity to the construction industry. Environmental compliance is one of the top priorities for all our members and we expect assurances from all of our suppliers, subcontractors, vendors, and service providers. There is no evidence of non-compliance with environmental laws by PVT, the recommendations contained within these resolutions will cause harm to a legitimate law-abiding business.

Additionally, the recommendations for fees on MSW collection will unfairly cost every homeowner regardless of the amount of waste they generate.

For the above reasons, we respectfully oppose these resolutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 281/HR 248.