
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LANDFILLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Waimanalo gulch
2 sanitary landfill, located on the leeward coast, is the only
3 landfill on Oahu capable of receiving the total daily output of
4 non-reusable municipal solid waste. It is also the only
5 municipal solid waste facility owned by the city and county of
6 Honolulu. The island of Oahu produces more than 1.6 million
7 tons of waste a year, and the Waimanalo gulch sanitary landfill
8 accepts about 400,000 tons of waste per year including about
9 100,000 tons of ash from H-POWER generators.

10 The legislature further finds that the department of health
11 has issued citations and fines to the city and county of
12 Honolulu and to the Waimanalo gulch sanitary landfill's
13 contracted operator, Waste Management Hawaii, for violations
14 such as exceeding the landfill's allowed height, failure to
15 cover garbage with soil daily, failure to monitor levels of
16 methane gas, failure to measure and maintain records of liquid
17 levels in landfill sump pumps, and failure to record locations
18 of asbestos disposal.



1 Because of these conditions, residents along the leeward
2 coast experience many health-related problems including asthma,
3 cancer, and other serious illnesses that may be a result of the
4 presence of the landfill.

5 With the expected growth in the amount of municipal solid
6 waste generated on Oahu, the mayor's landfill site advisory
7 committee identified and ranked eleven potential locations for a
8 new landfill last year. Two of these sites are located on the
9 leeward coast.

10 The purpose of this Act is to place a moratorium for any
11 new municipal solid waste landfills on the leeward coast
12 including Nanakuli, Waianae, Maili, Makaha, Makua, Honokai Hale,
13 and Ko Olina on or after November 1, 2017.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 342H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
16 and to read as follows:

17 "§342H- Leeward coast landfills; moratorium. Any law to
18 the contrary notwithstanding, no person, including any
19 government agency or entity, shall construct or operate a new
20 municipal solid waste landfill unit on or after November 1,
21 2017, within the Oahu areas of:

22 (1) Nanakuli;



- 1 (2) Waianae;
- 2 (3) Maili;
- 3 (4) Makaha;
- 4 (5) Makua;
- 5 (6) Honokai Hale; and
- 6 (7) Ko Olina;

7 provided that this section shall not apply to any municipal
8 solid waste landfill units existing prior to November 1, 2017,
9 in these areas.

10 For purposes of this section, "new municipal solid waste
11 landfill unit" means any municipal solid waste landfill unit
12 that has not received waste prior to November 1, 2017."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:

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