
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REFUSE DIVISION
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO SOLVE ITS ONGOING
MAINTENANCE AND COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS AT THE WAI'ANAE
CONVENIENCE CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Wai'anae Convenience Center (Center), operated
2 by the Department of Environmental Services Refuse Division of
3 the City and County of Honolulu, is the only refuse center
4 located on the Leeward side of Oahu for residents to legally
5 dispose of bulky items and other waste; and
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7 WHEREAS, while the residents of the Leeward Coast desire to
8 dispose of their refuse legally, they are reporting extreme wait
9 times of up to three hours to dispose of bulky items and other
10 waste at the Center; and
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12 WHEREAS, residents are experiencing a severe lack of
13 communication with employees working on-site at the Center due
14 to problems such as outdated telephone lines and equipment; and
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16 WHEREAS, the extreme wait times to use the Center, together
17 with major communication problems with staff, forces residents
18 to drive with heavy loads of bulky items or other waste on or in
19 their vehicles which creates unsafe conditions or danger in
20 transporting the bulky items; and
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22 WHEREAS, due to the traffic congestion caused by excessive
23 wait times for those drivers using the Center, residents who
24 live near the Center are experiencing issues with simple tasks
25 that happen every day such as receiving delivery of their mail
26 and simply driving to their homes; and



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1 WHEREAS, the Center is not staffed with an adequate number
2 of refuse vehicle drivers and is not provided with a sufficient
3 amount of refuse bins to properly handle the increasing pace at
4 which those bins are being filled; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Leeward Coast has been experiencing an
7 increase in illegal dumping in the last few years due in part to
8 the lack of proper disposal options and the inadequate service
9 provided at the Center; and

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11 WHEREAS, the importance of, and need for, properly
12 maintained refuse centers on the Leeward Coast is increasing due
13 to the growing population; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
17 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
18 Environmental Services Refuse Division of the City and County of
19 Honolulu is urged to solve its ongoing maintenance and
20 communication problems at the Wai‘anae Convenience Center; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Environmental
23 Services Refuse Division of the City and County of Honolulu is
24 requested to consider increasing the number of bins provided at
25 the Center, hiring adequate staff such as additional refuse
26 vehicle drivers, and updating or replacing telephone lines and
27 equipment for use by its on-site employees; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
31 and County of Honolulu, Director of the City and County of
32 Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, and Chief of the
33 Refuse Division of the City and County of Honolulu Department of
34 Environmental Services.
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