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## HOUSE 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14 to problems such as outdated telephone lines and equipment; and  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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28           WHEREAS, the Center is not staffed with an adequate number  
29 of refuse vehicle drivers and is not provided with a sufficient



1 amount of refuse bins to properly handle the increasing pace at  
2 which those bins are being filled; and

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

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

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

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

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

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