

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1680

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 51  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 51 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF AN ACTIVE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL OR CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION LANDFILL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the City and County of Honolulu to exempt from real property tax those property owners of residential units within one-half mile of an active municipal solid waste landfill or construction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Iron Workers Stabilization Fund and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that studies have shown evidence of significant health impacts for those living up to two miles away from an active landfill depending on geography, micro-climates, and local mitigation efforts. Your Committee further finds that those living within one-half mile of an active municipal solid waste landfill or a construction and demolition landfill, presumably those most impacted by any negative health effects, would benefit from funds made available from a property tax exemption to address their individual safety and health.



Therefore, this measure urges the City and County of Honolulu to exempt from real property tax those property owners of residential units within one-half mile of an active municipal solid waste landfill or construction and demolition landfill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including information concerning evidence of negative health impacts for people living up to two miles from an active landfill;
- (2) Including information concerning the types of health problems experienced by residents living near active landfills;
- (3) Including information concerning the added economic costs of living near an active landfill;
- (4) Urging the City and County of Honolulu to provide a real property tax exemption for property owners of residential units outside of one-half mile of an active landfill that it deems to have been impacted by a landfill to a degree that would warrant an exemption; and
- (5) Amending its title to reflect its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 51, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 51, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,



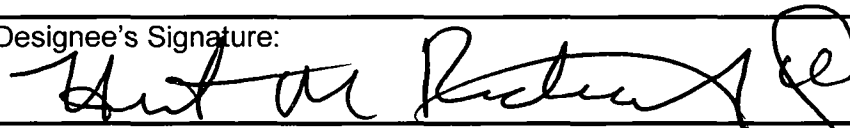
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR51</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN</b>	Date: <b>03-29-23</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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