
HOUSE RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO RECONSIDER
USING THE WAIPIŌ SOCCER COMPLEX AS ITS NEXT LANDFILL SITE.

1 WHEREAS, the Waipio Soccer Complex serves as a crucial hub
2 for sports and recreational activities, providing opportunities
3 for the community to engage in physical fitness and social
4 interaction; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Waipio Soccer Complex is situated in a
7 location of significant environmental importance, boasting
8 diverse ecosystems and natural habitats that contribute to the
9 ecological balance of the region; and

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11 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the City and
12 County of Honolulu's proposal to convert the Waipio Soccer
13 Complex into the next landfill site for the island of Oahu; and

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15 WHEREAS, since media coverage about the Waipio Soccer
16 Complex's becoming a top choice as the site of the City and
17 County of Honolulu's next landfill, residents from not only
18 Waipahū but also other areas of Oahu have expressed strong
19 concerns about losing the soccer park and locating a landfill
20 near homes; and

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22 WHEREAS, the conversion of the Waipio Soccer Complex into a
23 landfill site would pose detrimental effects on the environment,
24 including soil contamination, air pollution, and disruption of
25 wildlife habitats, including nearby marine and wetland habitats;
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28 WHEREAS, the establishment of a landfill at the Waipio
29 Soccer Complex would adversely affect the health and well-being
30 of nearby residents, exposing them to potential hazards
31 associated with waste-disposal activities, such as odors, noise,
32 and increased traffic congestion; and



1 WHEREAS, Waipahu High School, which is located in close
2 proximity to the Waipio Soccer Complex, would be significantly
3 affected by the presence of a landfill, potentially exposing
4 students, faculty, and staff to health risks and environmental
5 hazards; and

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7 WHEREAS, there exist alternative sites for landfill
8 development that are less ecologically sensitive and more
9 suitable for accommodating waste-management needs without
10 compromising the integrity of recreational spaces and natural
11 environments; and

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13 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City and County of Honolulu
14 to prioritize the long-term sustainability and preservation of
15 natural resources for the benefit of current and future
16 generations of Oahu residents; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2024, that the City and County of Honolulu is
21 strongly urged to reconsider using the Waipio Soccer Complex as
22 its next landfill site; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
25 is strongly encouraged to explore alternative solutions for
26 waste management that do not involve the conversion of
27 recreational and environmentally significant areas into landfill
28 sites; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii is strongly
31 urged to collaborate with the City and County of Honolulu and
32 other relevant stakeholders in identifying and implementing
33 sustainable waste-management practices that uphold environmental
34 conservation, public health, and community well-being; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and
38 County of Honolulu, and all members of the Honolulu City
39 Council.

