# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WASTE OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 342H-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\$342H-52 Prohibitions; buffer zones. (a) No person,
- 4 including any federal agency, the State, or any county, shall
- 5 construct, operate, modify, expand, or close a municipal solid
- 6 waste landfill unit, or any component of a municipal solid waste
- 7 landfill unit, without first obtaining a permit from the
- 8 director. All permits for municipal solid waste landfill units
- 9 shall be subject to any terms and conditions that the director
- 10 determines are necessary to protect human health or the
- 11 environment.
- 12 (b) No person, including the State or county, shall
- 13 construct, modify, or expand a waste or disposal facility,
- 14 including a municipal solid waste landfill unit; any component
- 15 of a municipal solid waste landfill unit; a construction and
- 16 demolition landfill unit; or any component of a construction and

- 1 demolition landfill unit on land that is above a significant
- 2 aquifer as determined by the department.
- 3 [\(\(\frac{\((b)\)}{\(\)}\)] (c) No person, including the State or any county,
- 4 shall construct, modify, or expand a waste or disposal facility
- 5 including a municipal solid waste landfill unit, any component
- 6 of a municipal solid waste landfill unit, a construction and
- 7 demolition landfill unit, or any component of a construction and
- 8 demolition landfill unit without first establishing a buffer
- 9 zone of no less than one-half mile around the waste or disposal
- 10 facility. This subsection shall not apply to the continued
- 11 operation of an existing waste or disposal facility that is
- 12 properly permitted; provided that continued operation does not
- 13 require physical expansion, vertical or horizontal, of the
- 14 facility requiring additional permitting review and a permit
- 15 modification.
- 16 For the purposes of this subsection:
- 17 "Buffer zone" means the distance between the edge of waste
- 18 or waste activity and the nearest residential, school, or
- 19 hospital property line.
- 20 "Waste or disposal facility" excludes individual, state
- 21 certified, non-industrial redemption centers."

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- 1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

## Report Title:

Waste or Disposal Facilities; Significant Aquifers

### Description:

Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility on land that is near or above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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