
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO
SUPPORT A WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT EQUITABLY
DISTRIBUTES ITS BENEFITS AND BURDENS ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, the leeward coast of Oahu is the location of two
2 landfills: the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, owned by the
3 City and County, which is the only licensed landfill on Oahu
4 capable of receiving Oahu's total daily output of non-reusable
5 municipal solid waste; and the PVT Landfill, owned by the PVT
6 Landfill Co., Ltd., which is the only licensed landfill on Oahu
7 capable of receiving Oahu's total daily output of non-municipal
8 solid waste; and

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10 WHEREAS, the non-municipal solid waste deposited at the PVT
11 Landfill is piled above-ground and includes construction waste,
12 demolition waste, asbestos, petroleum contaminated soil, liquid
13 waste and sludge, concrete construction debris with lead based
14 painted surfaces, lead acid batteries, and waste containing less
15 than 50ppm of polychlorinated biphenyl; and

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17 WHEREAS, a mere seven hundred fifty feet separates the PVT
18 Landfill from single family dwelling residential units and
19 churches, raising concerns that residents living in such close
20 proximity to the landfill may be exposed to long term health
21 risks; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu
24 acknowledge that the leeward coast is burdened as the locale of
25 a major part of the waste management system of the City and
26 County of Honolulu; and

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28 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu
29 acknowledge that other communities on Oahu must share in the
30 burdens of an effective and fair waste management system; now,
31 therefore,

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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



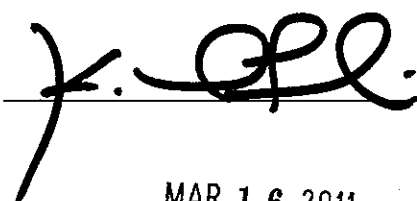
1 of 2011, that the State, through the Governor, and the City and
2 County of Honolulu are urged to support a waste management
3 system that equitably distributes its benefits and burdens
4 across the community; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and
7 County of Honolulu are requested to support a user fee of \$2 for
8 each trash bin pickup of municipal solid waste and a daily
9 tipping fee of \$10 per ton of municipal solid waste to be
10 deposited into the PVT Landfill; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and
13 County of Honolulu are requested to support the establishment of
14 a special fund to receive those fees, which should be used to
15 provide financial support to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
16 Health Center in its effort to increase the level of health care
17 for the people of the leeward coast; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the City and
20 County of Honolulu are requested to support exemption of the
21 residents of the leeward coast from Honokai Hale to Makua from
22 the user fee of \$2, since the health of these residents is
23 placed at risk by living in close proximity to the landfills;
24 and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
28 Health, the Mayor, the Council Chairperson, and the Director of
29 Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu.
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OFFERED BY: 
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