
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING NO NEW LANDFILLS ON THE LEEWARD COAST.

1 WHEREAS, the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill, located on the
2 Leeward Coast, is the only existing landfill on Oahu that is
3 capable of receiving the total daily output of municipal solid
4 waste; and

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6 WHEREAS, Waimanalo Gulch Landfill, the only city owned
7 municipal solid waste facility receives approximately four
8 hundred thousand tons of municipal solid waste every year; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Health has issued citations and
11 fines to the City and County of Honolulu and to Waimanalo Gulch
12 Landfill's contracted operator, Waste Management Hawaii, for
13 violations, such as exceeding the landfill's allowed height,
14 failure to cover garbage with soil daily, failure to monitor
15 levels of methane gas, failure to measure and maintain records
16 of liquid levels in landfill sump pumps, and failure to record
17 locations of asbestos disposal; and

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19 WHEREAS, in addition to the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill that
20 takes in all of Oahu's municipal solid waste, the PVT Landfill
21 which is the depository for all of Oahu's construction and
22 demolition waste, including asbestos, is also situated on the
23 Leeward Coast, more specifically in Nanakuli; and

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25 WHEREAS, residents along the Leeward Coast continue to
26 experience many health-related problems, including asthma,
27 cancer, and other serious illnesses that may be a result of the
28 presence of the PVT Landfill; and

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30 WHEREAS, with the expected growth in the amount of
31 municipal solid waste generated on Oahu, the City and County of
32 Honolulu created a blue ribbon panel in 2003 to study the
33 possibility of a new location for municipal solid waste
34 disposal; and

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1 WHEREAS, despite the existence of the Waimanalo Gulch
2 Landfill on the Leeward Coast for eighteen years, the blue
3 ribbon panel's recommendations for a new location were still
4 largely biased toward siting the new landfill on the Leeward
5 Coast; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Leeward Coast has had a history of community
8 neglect, not only having to endure the existence of the island's
9 only municipal solid waste landfills, but also increased
10 traffic, educational woes, homeless populations, and abandoned
11 military ordnance; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2008, that the Legislature requests that no new
16 landfills be established along the Leeward Coast, including
17 Nanakuli, Waianae, Maili, Makaha, and Makua; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any future health or
20 environmental issues from closed landfills be rectified by the
21 State and the City and County of Honolulu; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
25 Health, the Chairperson of the Land Use Commission, and the
26 Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council of the City and County
27 of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:



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