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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE AND COUNTIES TO INCREASE RECYCLING, ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF INNOVATIVE RECYCLING INDUSTRIES, AND PROCURE RECYCLED PRODUCTS.

1           WHEREAS, limited space remains in the State's landfills to  
2 absorb the quantities of solid waste that is generated in the  
3 State; and

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5           WHEREAS, in the past decade, great strides have been made  
6 to reduce the amount of solid waste that is deposited in  
7 Hawaii's landfills; and

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9           WHEREAS, currently, approximately one-third of the solid  
10 waste generated on Oahu is recycled, one-third is used as fuel  
11 at a hydrogen power facility, and the remaining third is placed  
12 in a landfill; and

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14           WHEREAS, the city and county of Honolulu and the State have  
15 emphasized measures to encourage recycling by residents,  
16 including curbside recycling, mandatory recycling by municipal  
17 agencies, and the deposit beverage container program; and

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19           WHEREAS, innovative private enterprises have emerged which  
20 increase recycling, including turning recycled glass into road  
21 construction material, using recycled plastics to manufacture  
22 "plastic lumber" and park benches, and recycling old tires for  
23 use as landscaping material or fuel; now, therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2008, that this body urges state and county  
28 government departments and agencies to take steps to decrease  
29 the amount of solid waste entering Hawaii's landfills by  
30 increasing recycling opportunities available to individuals,  
31 encouraging the growth of innovative private industries that  
32 recycle waste into useable products, and procuring products made  
33 from recycled materials whenever available; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor who in turn is  
3 requested to transmit copies to the director of each executive  
4 department of the county and to the mayor of each county who in  
5 turn is requested to transmit copies to the chairperson and  
6 members of the appropriate county council and the director of  
7 each executive department.  
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