



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CITY FAST TRACK CITY PERMITTING AND APPROVALS FOR NEW SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the recent runoff of medical waste on to Leeward coast beaches and the subsequent orders issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency highlight that a crisis exists with respect to the city's only municipal solid waste landfill; and

WHEREAS, the state land use commission has ordered that except for ash and residue from the H-Power plant, the city's landfill at Waimanalo Gulch is to be closed to municipal solid waste by July 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, to comply with the commission's order, the city has begun the lengthy process of selecting a site for a new municipal landfill on Oahu; and

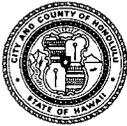
WHEREAS, in light of the recent waste runoff and the impending landfill closure, there is a valid and pressing need for the city to utilize alternative technologies, such as recycling, plasma arc and incineration facilities, to dispose of the city's municipal solid waste and also produce usable products; and

WHEREAS, it may take a substantial amount of time to permit, approve and build new solid waste disposal and recycling facilities; and

WHEREAS, expediting the permitting and approval processes at the city level and the appointment of a solid waste technology czar would facilitate the implementation of new solid waste disposal and recycling facilities and the introduction of new technology, including technology that can turn waste into useful products on Oahu; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that because there is an urgent need for expedient action to implement an alternative disposal method for the city's solid waste, the mayor is urged to fast track city permitting and approval processes including vendor solicitation and selection, land use, zoning and building permits and other approvals which may be required for the establishment of new incinerator, plasma arc or other municipal solid waste disposal and recycling facilities that also produce useful products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mayor is requested to appoint a solid waste technology czar to expedite the implementation of new solid waste disposal and recycling technologies including those that can produce useful products; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to any public hearing or hearings held at Honolulu Hale on new solid waste disposal and recycling facilities, a public hearing or hearings be held in the community where the facilities are to be located, in order to afford the affected community or communities with an opportunity to comment on the facilities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor, the director of the department of environmental services, the state land use commission, and the state department of health.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers