



WINDWARD AHUPUA'A ALLIANCE

From the Peaks of Na Ko'olau to the Outer Reefs

Community-Based Planning
Sustainable Economic Development
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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

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Executive Capital Budget & Program

Project Number 2005063 - Kapaa/Kalaheo Landfill Gas Flare System (p. 17)

\$700,000

Project 2010046 - Oahu Secondary Landfill Site Selection Committee (p. 17)

\$500,000

Deferral or Elimination of Capital Funding for Solid Waste to Energy Facility (p.17)

See *Councilmembers* Bainum and Djou's Amendments

STRONGLY OPPOSE

The *Windward Ahupua'a Alliance* is a 501c3 non-profit corporation established in 2002 which works to educate & inform residents, visitors, businesses, policymakers, and the media all across Hawai'i about using **Smart Growth** planning principles which include but are not limited to designing long-term waste management systems; improving illegal dumping/derelict vehicle legislation & enforcement; developing & implementing comprehensive curbside recycling programs; creating alternative energy systems to reduce Hawai'i's dependency on fossil fuels & to mitigate the impacts of global warming.

WAA strongly opposes venting the methane gas because it increases the greenhouse gas emissions levels produced while as a state Hawai'i has committed itself to reducing them over the next 10 to 40 years. Furthermore, it wastes a *waste-to-energy* source which could get the *Kapa'a Transfer Station* as well as several dozen nearby businesses completely off the grid.

This is in the process of happening at the *Waimanalo Gulch* landfill. Why not here as well?

WAA opposes the appropriation for the Oahu Secondary Landfill Site Selection Committee for two reasons: 1) It excludes one area of O'ahu from being considered; 2) A similar study was completed less than five years ago. Why waste more money to study what to do with our solid waste?

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In the meantime, at least two *Councilmembers* want to defer spending money on the third boiler at H-Power. I urge that you speak with both *Covanta* and H-Power officials as to how damaging this will be. The third boiler got hung up for more than three years earlier this decade because there was some sort of expectation that new technologies would be available soon. That did not happen.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in opposition to the two budget items as well as the proposed amendments.