



WINDWARD AHUPUA'A ALLIANCE

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

*Community-Based Planning
Sustainable Economic Development
Restoration, Preservation, Protection & Public Access
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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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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 shipping any of our solid waste across the Pacific Ocean to a privately-owned landfill in Washington State where it will be converted into methane gas to be sold to utility companies in the Pacific Northwest.

Spending \$10 million on top of another \$7 million in the current year's budget over the next 15 months while raising monthly bus pass rates over the same time cannot be justified. See Bill 22.

Furthermore, shipping trash across more than 2,500 miles flies in the face of both Hawai'i's commitment to lower its greenhouse gas emissions but also is expected to violate proposed *EPA* regulations. See attached.

Finally, the *Windward Ahupua'a Alliance* will be initiating inquiries with the *EPA's* new administration about the concept of shipping uncontainerized, unprocessed trash in open-air barges
Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this budget item.

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EPA Proposes Sharp Cuts in Air Pollution From Ships

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NEW YORK -- The Environmental Protection Agency moved Monday to sharply curtail pollution from ships, proposing new emissions limits for large vessels in U.S. waters.

The EPA requested that the U.N.'s International Maritime Organization create a 230-mile buffer zone along the U.S. coasts, within which oil tankers and other large ships would face stricter regulations on air pollutants blamed for health problems. The new requirements would force shipping companies to switch to cleaner-burning fuels and make changes to their onboard engine systems. The EPA estimates the proposal would increase annual costs for shipping companies by \$3.2 billion in 2020.

"In essence we are treating this industry as we would treat others," EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said Monday at a press conference.

The impact of ship emissions on air quality is an ongoing concern since most vessels run on heavy, high-sulfur fuels. The EPA for more than a decade has acknowledged ship emissions are harmful, but has struggled to regulate the international fleet.

When ships are traveling within the coastal zone, the proposed rules would cut sulfur in fuel by 98%, soot by 85% and nitrogen oxide emissions by 80% from current global requirements. The EPA proposed that ships must use fuel with no more than 1,000 parts per million of sulfur beginning in 2015, down from the current average of 27,000 parts per million, agency officials said.

"Ships are floating smokestack that deliver soot and smog straight to the heart of our most crowded coastal cities," said Andy Darrell, the New York regional director of the Environmental Defense Fund, in a prepared statement.

The proposal, which also includes Canadian waters, follows an agreement reached last fall by the IMO. Under the agreement, countries are allowed to set tougher standards, with the U.S. being the first to make such a request. The EPA said it expected the IMO to begin reviewing its proposal in July, with approval seen as soon as next year.

The shipping industry will face significant cost increases, driven primarily by a switch to more expensive fuels. Some vessels would likely retrofit their systems, while new ships would have to use advanced emission-control technologies beginning in 2016.

However, the proposal avoids one of the industry's biggest fears: scattered regulations outside of an international process, said Bryan Wood-Thomas, vice president for the World Shipping Council, which represents container and car-transport ships.

The EPA said air pollution from ships, which travels hundreds of miles inland, is expected to grow rapidly as rules to curb emissions from other forms of transportation take hold and port traffic rises. However, the shipping industry is currently struggling with weak demand and a sharp drop in prices amid the global economic slowdown.

The announcement comes a week after the EPA's inspector general issued a report concluding emission regulations for large vessels haven't protected human health. The report concludes the EPA has only moved to regulate nitrogen oxides from U.S.-flagged ships, but hasn't taken a position on foreign-flagged vessels, which produce 90% of the emissions in U.S. ports.



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

(1) Effective July 1, 2009

Passenger Category	Identification (ID) Card (new or renewal)	Single Cash Fare—Standard	[One-Day Pass Fare]	Four-Day Pass Fare	Monthly Bus Pass Fare	Annual Bus Pass Fare	Biennial Bus Pass Fare	Single Cash Fare—Stadium Limited
Adult	Not applicable	(\$2.00) \$2.25 or 1 token	[\$5.00]	[\$20.00] \$25.00	[\$40.00] \$50.00	[\$440.00] \$550.00	Not applicable	[\$3.00] \$5.00
Youth	Not applicable	\$1.00	[Not applicable]	Not applicable	[\$20.00] \$25.00	[\$220.00] \$275.00	Not applicable	[\$3.00] \$5.00
Child	Not applicable	\$0.00	[Not applicable]	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	[\$3.00] \$5.00
Person with a Temporary Disability Under ROH Section 13-2.2	\$10.00 for two years or duration of temporary disability specified by a healthcare professional, whichever is less (only needed for single cash fare or monthly pass)	\$1.00 w/valid person w/a temporary disability ID card	[Not applicable]	Not applicable	\$5.00 w/valid person w/a temporary disability ID card	\$30.00	\$60.00	[\$3.00] \$5.00
Person with a Permanent Disability Under ROH Section 13-2.2	\$10.00 for four years (only needed for single cash fare or monthly pass)	\$1.00 w/valid person with a permanent disability ID card	[Not applicable]	Not applicable	\$5.00 w/valid person with a permanent disability ID card	\$30.00	\$60.00	[\$3.00] \$5.00
Person with a Paratransit Eligibility ID Card Under ROH Section 13-4.3	\$0.00	\$1.00 w/valid paratransit eligibility ID card	[Not applicable]	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	[\$3.00] \$5.00
Personal Care Attendant (PCA)	Not applicable	\$0.00 when performing PCA service	[Not applicable]	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$0.00 when performing PCA service
Senior Citizen	\$10.00 for four years (only needed for single cash fare or monthly pass)	\$1.00 w/valid senior citizen ID card	[Not applicable]	Not applicable	\$5.00 w/valid senior citizen ID card	\$30.00	\$60.00	[\$3.00] \$5.00
Medicare Cardholders	Not applicable	\$1.00	[Not applicable]	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	[\$3.00] \$5.00



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

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<u>Adult</u>	Not applicable	\$2.50 or 1 token	\$25.00	\$60.00	\$660.00	Not applicable	\$6.25
<u>Youth</u>	Not applicable	\$1.25	Not applicable	\$30.00	\$330.00	Not applicable	\$6.25
<u>Child</u>	Not applicable	\$0.00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$6.25
<u>Person with a Temporary Disability Under ROH Section 13-2.2</u>	\$10.00 for two years or duration of temporary disability specified by a healthcare professional, whichever is less (only needed for single cash fare or monthly pass)	\$1.00 w/valid person w/a temporary disability ID card	Not applicable	\$5.00 w/valid person w/a temporary disability ID card	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$6.25
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