

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

311

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.B. No. 878

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 878 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANDFILLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the landfill buffer zone from one-half mile to one mile; and
- (2) Require the landfill buffer zone to apply to lands in the state conservation district and lands designated as national conservation areas.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Honolulu City Council; Hawai'i Farmers Union; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Department of Public Works of the County of Kaua'i; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Health; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; and Iron Workers Stabilization Fund, Local 625.

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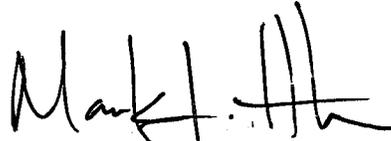
Your Committee finds that Hawaii's unique ecosystems and cultural sites require stronger protections from the potential environmental and health hazards associated with landfills. Expanding the landfill buffer zone to one mile and including certain conservation areas within its scope will help safeguard native species, critical habitats, and culturally significant lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 878, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 878, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,



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MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 878</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WAL, JHA</b>	Date: <b>2/4/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		✓		
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco			✓	
6. MORIKAWA, Dee		✓		
7. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.		✓		
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.			✓	
10. SOUZA, Kanani			✓	
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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