

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2041

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 13, 2007

RE: H.R. No. 129

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was
referred H.R. No. 129 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTAIN ACTION CONCERNING THE
CONDUCTING OF A TEST TO CONVERT H-POWER ASH TO REUSABLE
MATERIAL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to facilitate the recycling
of the ash produced by H-Power into a useful product and thereby
extend the useful life of our landfills by requesting the
Department of Health (DOH) to:

- (1) Waive the requirements, if legally possible, to modify
H-Power's permit to allow an ash conversion test at H-
Power's site; or
- (2) Suggest an alternative method to conduct the ash
conversion test that does not require permit
modifications; and
- (3) If neither is possible, expedite the permit modification
process to less than the 180-day automatic approval
period.

Covanta Energy testified in support of this resolution. DOH
opposed this measure. The Department of Environmental Services of
the City and County of Honolulu commented on this resolution.

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H-Power is the cornerstone of the City and County of Honolulu's municipal solid waste program that converts approximately 660,000 tons of solid waste to energy annually and saves landfill space by reducing the solid waste volume by 90 percent. Your Committees support the conversion of ash to a recycled usable byproduct in a manner that does not compromise the safety and health of the public.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 129 and recommend its adoption.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Water, Land, Ocean Resources &
Hawaiian Affairs,

for: 
KEN ITO, Chair


for HERMINA MORITA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">HR 129</div>		Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 5px;">4-04-2007</div>		
Committee Referral: EEP /WLH		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration </div> </div>				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)	✓			
3. CHONG, Pono	✓			
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
8. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL	7	0	0	1
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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