HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WASTE-TO-ENERGY CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY TO DISPOSE OF SOLID WASTE, RATHER THAN EXPAND OR CREATE NEW LANDFILLS.

WHEREAS, recycling is a key component of an effective and sustainable waste-management system; and

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 WHEREAS, all fossil fuels consumed in Hawaii are imported and are subject to worldwide escalations in energy prices, which are eventually passed on to consumers; and

WHEREAS, as the most geographically isolated state in the nation, Hawaii can and should make greater efforts to recycle its solid waste and convert it to usable energy; and

WHEREAS, the additional conversion of waste to energy can help increase the energy self-sufficiency, security, and sustainability of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the availability of space in Hawaii for use as landfills is decreasing, particularly on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the H-Power waste-to-energy conversion facility is already operating at Campbell Industrial Park; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to take advantage of waste-to-energy conversion technology to dispose of solid waste; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu consider expanding the capacity of the H-Power facility at Campbell Industrial Park to convert waste to energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to halt the expansion or creation of new landfills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of the City and County of Honolulu.

OFFERED BY:

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