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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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ENCOURAGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXPAND AND  
IMPROVE SERVICES AT THE WAI'ANAE CONVENIENCE CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Wai'anae Convenience Center (Center), operated  
2 by the Department of Environmental Services Refuse Division of  
3 the City and County of Honolulu, is the only refuse center  
4 located on the west side of Oahu for residents to legally  
5 dispose of bulky items and other waste; and

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7 WHEREAS, while the residents of the west side of Oahu  
8 desire to dispose of their refuse legally, they are reporting  
9 extreme wait times of up to three hours to dispose of bulky  
10 items and other waste at the Center; and

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12 WHEREAS, the extreme wait times to use the Center, together  
13 with major communication problems with staff, force residents to  
14 drive with heavy loads of bulky items or other waste on or in  
15 their vehicles, which creates unsafe conditions or danger in  
16 transporting the bulky items; and

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18 WHEREAS, due to the traffic congestion caused by excessive  
19 wait times for those drivers using the Center, residents who  
20 live near the Center are experiencing issues with receipt of  
21 daily services or completion of simple tasks, such as receiving  
22 delivery of their mail and simply driving to their homes; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Center is not staffed with an adequate number  
25 of refuse vehicle drivers and lacks a sufficient number of  
26 refuse bins to properly handle the increasing pace at which  
27 those bins are filled; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Leeward Coast and west side of Oahu have  
30 experienced an increase in illegal dumping in the last few years  
31 due in part to the lack of proper disposal options and the  
32 inadequate service provided at the Center, and the importance



1 of, and need for, properly maintained refuse centers on the west  
2 side of Oahu is increasing; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
6 that the City and County of Honolulu is encouraged to expand and  
7 improve services at the Wai'anae Convenience Center; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Environmental  
10 Services Refuse Division of the City and County of Honolulu is  
11 requested to consider increasing the number of bins provided at  
12 the Center and hiring adequate staff, such as additional refuse  
13 vehicle drivers; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of  
17 Honolulu, Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department  
18 of Environmental Services, and Chief of the Refuse Division of  
19 the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental  
20 Services.

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23 OFFERED BY: 

