HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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