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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO ADD ADDITIONAL  
DAYS OF OPERATION AND EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR  
RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATIONS IN PUNA.

1           WHEREAS, the accumulation of solid waste poses various  
2 risks to public health and safety and the environment by  
3 attracting insects and pests that may spread disease and by  
4 polluting water sources; and

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6           WHEREAS, the proper management of solid waste, including  
7 the timely collection of solid waste, mitigates these risks; and

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9           WHEREAS, in comparison to residents of other counties, the  
10 residents of the County of Hawaii are required to exert greater  
11 effort to properly dispose of their solid waste, since the  
12 County of Hawaii does not provide municipally funded curbside  
13 collection; and

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15           WHEREAS, residents of the County of Hawaii must either  
16 deliver their own solid waste to a recycling and transfer  
17 station or contract with a private business for curbside pick-up  
18 of their solid waste and recyclables; and

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20           WHEREAS, the hours and days of operation for the various  
21 recycling and transfer stations varies from each location; and

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23           WHEREAS, the Puna area is serviced by five recycling and  
24 transfer stations; however, one operates only one day per week  
25 and two operate only three days per week; and

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27           WHEREAS, if a Puna resident needed to dispose of their  
28 solid waste immediately but the closest recycling and transfer  
29 station was closed, the resident would be forced to transport



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1 their solid waste several miles to the next closest recycling  
2 and transfer station; and

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4 WHEREAS, the hours of operation of the recycling and  
5 transfer stations, especially for recycling white goods or  
6 greenwaste, may be restrictive for residents who typically work  
7 during the day on weekdays; and

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9 WHEREAS, this was further worsened in June 2022, when the  
10 damage from a fallen tree caused the temporary closure of one of  
11 the recycling and transfer stations; and

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13 WHEREAS, residents of the County of Hawaii should have  
14 greater flexibility to dispose of their solid waste; now,  
15 therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
19 Session of 2023, that the Solid Waste Division of the County of  
20 Hawaii Department of Environmental Management is urged to add  
21 additional days of operation and extend the hours of operation  
22 for recycling and transfer stations in Puna; and

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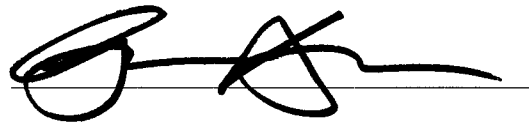
24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Hawaii,  
26 Chair of the Hawaii County Council, Director of the County of  
27 Hawaii Department of Environmental Management, and Acting  
28 Division Chief of the Solid Waste Division of the County of  
29 Hawaii Department of Environmental Management.

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