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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO INCREASE THE
RECYCLING OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS AND TO
EXPAND THE USAGE OF RECYCLED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO THE
GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

1 WHEREAS, the recycling of construction and demolition
2 debris has substantial benefits to the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, the increased recycling of construction and
5 demolition debris would help to divert nearly two thousand tons
6 of waste from landfills each day; and

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8 WHEREAS, many landfills in the State that accept
9 construction and demolition debris are expected to reach maximum
10 capacity within one decade; and

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12 WHEREAS, on Oahu, the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill,
13 the island's only municipal solid waste landfill, is expected to
14 close by 2028; and

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16 WHEREAS, on Hawaii Island, the closure of the South Hilo
17 Sanitary Landfill in 2019 has left only the Puuanahulu Landfill
18 remaining; and

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20 WHEREAS, Kauai's only landfill, the Kekaha landfill, is
21 expected to become full in 2026; and

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23 WHEREAS, the landfills on the islands of Maui, Lanai, and
24 Molokai are expected to reach capacity within the next twenty
25 years; and

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27 WHEREAS, landfills also cause significant impacts to nearby
28 communities; and

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30 WHEREAS, the residents of communities near landfills, such
31 as Nanakuli and Kekaha, face a proliferation of environmental



1 consequences and reduced property values due to their proximity
2 to the landfills; and

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4 WHEREAS, the roads serving these communities also must
5 unfairly endure the weight of tons of waste being transported
6 from all their island's residents; and

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8 WHEREAS, these burdens may be mitigated through an increase
9 in recycling and diversion of construction waste; now,
10 therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii's construction
15 industry is urged to increase the recycling of construction and
16 demolition debris to the greatest extent possible; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii construction
19 industry is urged to expand the usage of recycled construction
20 materials to the greatest extent possible; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
24 of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, Executive
25 Secretary-Treasurer of the Hawaii Regional Council of
26 Carpenters, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Building and
27 Construction Trades Council.

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