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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT  
LANDFILL HOST BENEFITS PROGRAM AND PROGRAM ADVISORY GROUP.

1           WHEREAS, every community in Hawaii has the right to a  
2 "clean and healthful environment" pursuant to article XI,  
3 section 9, of the Hawaii State Constitution; and  
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5           WHEREAS, scientific consensus is that landfills,  
6 particularly construction and demolition landfills, have  
7 negative health impacts for those who live, work, and play  
8 nearby; and  
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10           WHEREAS, studies have shown evidence of significant  
11 negative impacts for those living within two miles of an active  
12 landfill depending on geography, micro-climates, and local  
13 mitigation efforts; and  
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15           WHEREAS, landfills can be noisy and odiferous, and can  
16 carry a negative stigma for the host community; and  
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18           WHEREAS, Honolulu residents living near active landfills  
19 have an increased risk of health problems, including reduced  
20 lung function, asthma, ataxia, paralysis, and lung cancer, as  
21 the air quality of their homes becomes contaminated with  
22 unmitigated dust pollution; and  
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24           WHEREAS, these residents have incurred substantial costs as  
25 a direct result of living near active landfills, including  
26 expenses for medical treatments, home repair, repainting, and  
27 the installation and maintenance of air filtration systems due  
28 to the increased buildup of dust; and  
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30           WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2009, the City and County of Honolulu  
31 allocated \$2,000,000 each year to the Leeward Coast community to  
32 offset the burden placed on the community by the expansion of  
33 the Waimanalo Gulch landfill; and



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WHEREAS, in its 2022 final report, the Oahu Landfill Siting Advisory Committee recommended that a host community benefits package be established to compensate not only the next community to host a landfill, but also communities that have borne the burden of past Oahu landfills; and

WHEREAS, the Oahu Landfill Siting Advisory Committee further recommended the establishment of an advisory committee to assist in the identification of host community concerns and the management of potential endowments, emphasizing that community participation should play an important role in the process; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to establish a permanent program to compensate communities that have or will host landfills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to create an advisory group composed of community members to identify specific host community concerns and assist in the management and distribution of compensation funds or benefits; and

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

OFFERED BY:



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