

**BILL039(23)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 496**

BUDGET (BUD)

## **BUDGET (BUD) Meeting**

Meeting Date: Sep 12, 2023 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 29

Oppose: 5

I wish to comment: 1

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Representing: Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 7, 2023 @ 04:21 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Council-members,</p> <p>The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports Bill 39.</p> <p>The City &amp; County of Honolulu needs to make things right for the residents of the Leeward coast for dumping all the ills of the county on this district. This bill in some small way starts to on this pathway.</p> <p>We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.</p> <p>Mahalo nui loa, Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him) Chair and SCC Representative Stonewall Caucus for the DPH</p>		
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Testimony: Strongly support		

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Representing: Hawaii Ports Maritime Council	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 8, 2023 @ 05:31 PM

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Representing: Hawaii Teamsters & Allied Workers Local 996	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 9, 2023 @ 11:56 PM
Testimony: Aloha,  My name is Kevin Holu and i strongly support Bill 039		

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Name: David Carona	Email: d-carona@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 10, 2023 @ 09:58 PM
Testimony: Honolulu City Council Budget Committee City Council Chamber Tuesday, September 12, 2023 9:00 a.m.  Re: Bill 39, CD2 (2023) - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION  Reference (a) Senate Resolution (SR) 51_SD1 Reference (b) House Resolution (HR) 113_HD1 Reference (c) State of Hawaii Department of Health Solid Waste Section Landfill Database Reference (d) Council Bill 039(23) Reference (e) Feasibility and Economic Analysis for Plasma Arc Gasification in Honolulu for Converting Waste to Energy and Reducing Landfill Footprint; Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Univ of Hawaii at Manoa and Mr. Bailey Hopkins, Department of Civil Engineering, Univ of Hawaii at Manoa  Aloha Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Council:		



I "oppose" City Council of Honolulu Bill 039(23) in all of its written forms: Bill 039(23); Bill 039(23), CD1 – 07-25-23 BUD; and proposed draft Bill039(23), CD1, Proposed CD2-TW1.

I applaud the significant amount of expended time of certain persons who have provided detailed impacts of landfills within communities, specifically the Leeward Coast. I respect those opinions and their support for Bill 39. Although I oppose this bill, I hope my points of view will be given the same review and respect.

I oppose this bill because I don't believe the City Council has taken the necessary time to address any and all solutions or all impacts to the community. Per reference C, there has been a landfill in this area since 1940 stretching all the way to Kaena Point:

30 Acres Waianae Land Fill 1942-1989  
8 Acres Saki Moru Construction and Demo 1980-1991  
28 Acres Keawaula Dump 1940-1950  
113 Acres PVT #1 Construction and Demo (present)  
75 Acres PVT #2 Construction and Demo (present)  
200 Acres Waimanalo Gulch (present)  
Lualualei Transmitter Site (acreage unknown) 1948-1960s

The State Senate and State House passed resolutions: references A and B, specifically stating the negative health impacts of landfills in close proximity to residents. Now, the City Council of Honolulu is considering passing a bill, reference D to exempt property taxes. Acknowledging the negativity and health impacts of landfills, yet only focuses on PVT Construction and Demolition Landfill and not Waimanalo Gulch Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (WGSL). For years it has been noted regarding the impacts of landfills within residential areas, yet the State and City failed to address those impacts then.

In 2004 (may have been 2005), the City Council had a town hall meeting for which I attended regarding Oahu landfill and trash. At this meeting several options for landfill solutions were discussed and advertised to council members. One such solution was Plasma Arc Gasification (PAG). This technology is not new but has the capability to reduce the islands landfill footprint significantly, produce electricity, provide byproducts for cement and asphalt, and most importantly it's better for the environment. If you review reference E, you will see that the benefit of PAG outweighs any of our current in place methods but keeps H-Power. Yet at that time the city council failed to take PAG technology into consideration. Roughly 20 years later the City and County of Honolulu is still debating the current landfill and a future landfill site without consideration of a technology that meets the demand and requirement for the island that would negate a need for this bill.

The Planning Commission (PC) has yet to approve the WGSL location identification extension. It is now nine months passed a required December 31, 2022 new landfill site identification deadline. However, at the most recent PC meeting that I attended, City Environmental indicated their new landfill site search includes potential federal lands, an ask to modify ACT 73 (established the 0.5 no landfill buffer zone), and IMMINENT DOMAIN.

It concerns me that the Leeward Coast hasn't been given any legal documentation by the City and County that no new landfills will be built in our area. It concerns me that this bill has inappropriate language which is quoted as follows,

"The Council further finds that the establishment of these new landfills is of critical importance and that a real property tax exemption for residents in close proximity to the new facilities may provide a reasonable incentive for local homeowners."

What incentive is the council trying to sell the community? Presently a property tax exemption for those on Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) would be \$300.00. Others in the area not on DHHL lands pay on average \$2500.00 per year. Do those dollar values make it acceptable for a person's health and wellbeing? Essentially, my impression is the City is buying off residents to keep a landfill in operation in close proximity to residents. It further opens the door to modify ACT 73 and keep a landfill in our community. What does the council and/or city know that is not being advertised to community members? Is the next landfill going to be in Kahala, Hawaii Kai, or Lanikai where properties pay \$5000.00 or more yearly in property taxes? Again, what does the city and/or council know that isn't being advertised?

I suggest the council pause, discuss more appropriate solutions to our landfill issues. I further suggest that if the council is going to continue with a bill in such a manner, that the council provide alternatives outside of full property tax exemptions such as housing upgrades (ex: double pane windows, ensure all homes are sealed appropriately, provide filtered air conditioning units). Consider providing healthcare options or subsidize healthcare cost for health issues attributed to landfills.

Finally, please consider the “Pandora’s Box” you will open if approving this bill. Consider those residents affected by other landfills that were in use on the leeward coast (see above), will you also compensate them? What about the Ala Wai Canal, those next to sewage treatment plants, the class action law suits that may come against the city and state. Remember, you are now on record along with the state that you have knowingly allowed landfill operations to operate in residential communities. Knowingly allowed the residents of the Leeward Coast to be exposed to potential toxins affecting their health, safety, and well-being.

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David Carona

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 11, 2023 @ 08:59 AM

Testimony:  
Our people who carry the burden for our island must be compensated. This is one small way to recognize and reward the community that is and has been directly impacted. It is long overdue. Thank you Chair Waters for taking action until we can transition to a waste to energy future.

Name: Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Email: dkapua@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 11, 2023 @ 09:02 AM

Testimony:  
Aloha kakou,  
I strongly oppose the presence of all landfills on, in and before the Waianae Moku (aka Waianae Coast)! This definitely includes the continued presence of the PVT Landfill and the WGSL.

In this 21st century, improved technology surely exists to better reduce, process, reuse/repurpose/recycle and THEN dispose the significantly minimized waste in a more efficient less harmful manner to our precious lands and people.

NO MORE LANDFILLS ON THE WESTSIDE!!! But, if it helps you to feel better about yourself by all means give the automatic tax exemption to the entire Wai'anae Moku residents and businesses for past health, mental health, racial, social and economic INjustice for the PAST.

NO MORE LANDFILLS ON THE WESTSIDE!!! Any benefits you decide to give the Wai'anae Coast is not for the future.

FUTURE LANDFILLS need to be in other communities. You/we make 'opala, so let's you/me house that 'opala! OPEN LANDFILLS ACROSS OAHU, especially where the opala comes from!

Mahalo for this opportunity to share.

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai  
Concerned Wai'anae Kanaka

Name: Ed Werner	Email: mewerner83@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 11, 2023 @ 11:02 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Budget Committee,</p> <p>My name is Ed Werner, and I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill which would establish a real property tax exemption for properties located near a waste landfill. I am a 60+ years resident of Nanakuli, and raised on Mohihi Street. I have seen and experienced first hand the devastation that the PVT Landfill can do to the physical and mental well-being of a community. It saddens me to hear of ohana and friends losing their lives due to the harmful environmental pollution by a landfill in a residential community. We, the people of Nanakuli, have always been looked upon as the dumping grounds for Oahu's waste. We deserve better. We deserve retribution. We deserve a better living environment. This relief would not solve our issue, however, it will ensure steps are taken by the government to acknowledge the many hardships we face over the many years of sacrifice for lives taken due to pollution.</p> <p>Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,</p> <p>Ed Werner</p>		
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Representing: State Senate District 29, Hawaii State Legislature	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 11, 2023 @ 06:53 PM
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 11, 2023 @ 10:59 PM
Testimony: Total support to offset deteriorating health of those living near the landfill		
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<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha my name is Lena Spain-Suzuki. I am born and raised in the moku of Wai'anae with the values of kupuna. I am the original founder of the Wai'anae moku kupuna council. Since the beginning of time kupuna have held respected and revered positions within Hawaiian households, families, and communities.</p> <p>I stand in support of bill 39</p> <p>This bill was written by a kupuna whose own life has been affected by having a home next to PVT. A lot of families lived in that ahupua'a before PVT moved in.</p> <p>How selfish are the people who don't live in the impacted area to vote against this bill. I question council member Tupola if she even took the time to talk with the people living within the 1 mile range.</p> <p>I mahalo Council-member Waters for taking the time to listen to the voices of our kupuna in our moku of Wai'anae!</p> <p>I would also like to ask every council member island wide to please help us find other locations for the two landfills that sit in the moku of Wai'anae. Maybe brainstorming together to find an alternative way to recycle our trash.</p> <p>By passing this bill it would mean a lot especially to the kupuna and families near these landfills it's the least that can be done show our kupuna's that their voices matter and that your sorry for shoving all of Oahu's trash into their backyard.</p>		
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Representing: CARES   Community Advocate Research Education Services	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Sep 12, 2023 @ 08:47 AM

Re: Bill 39, CDI (2023) - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kiaaina, and Members of the Council,

**I strongly support Bill 39, CD1** which exempts the property taxes of homes within a mile of a construction and demolition waste landfill.

I thank Council Chair Tommy Waters and the Honolulu City Council for introducing and supporting such an important bill that addresses environmental racism on the west side of Oahu. For too long, Nanakuli residents have been forgotten and have dealt with the negative effects of a landfill surrounding their properties, schools, and shopping centers.

It is a known fact that residents living near PVT live on average 10 years less than the state average with many dealing with respiratory illnesses and cancer. This is wrong and we are glad Bill 39 will financially help those suffering from the many illnesses caused by a landfill nearby.

Ultimately, PVT needs to close but until a new site is found, residents should be financially compensated. Bill 39 is a step in the right direction.

I strongly urge the Council to continue to support Bill 39.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill 39.

Mike Golojuch, Sr. Lt Col, USAF(Ret)  
President, Palehua Townhouse Association

Honolulu City Council  
Committee on Budget  
City Council Chamber  
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023

Re: Bill 39, CDI (2023) - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

SUBMITTED BY: JASON BRADSHAW, CHAIR, DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII  
LABOR CAUCUS

Aloha Chair Radiant Cordero and Members of the Committee,

**The Democratic Party of Hawaii Labor Caucus strongly supports Bill 39, CD1** which exempts the property taxes of homes within a mile of a construction and demolition waste landfill. We urge you to keep this bill's language to "within a mile" and not reduce it to half a mile, please.

We applaud Council Chair Tommy Waters and the Honolulu City Council for introducing and supporting such an important bill that addresses environmental racism on the west side of Oahu. For too long, Nanakuli residents have been forgotten and have dealt with the negative effects of a landfill surrounding their properties, schools, and shopping centers.

It is a known fact that residents living near PVT live on average 10 years less than the state average with many dealing with respiratory illnesses and cancer. This is wrong and we are glad Bill 39 will financially help those suffering from the many illnesses caused by a landfill nearby.

Ultimately, PVT needs to close but until a new site is found, residents should be financially compensated. Bill 39 is a step in the right direction.

We strongly urge your committee to continue to support Bill 39, CD1.  
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BRIDGE, STRUCTURAL, ORNAMENTAL AND REINFORCING IRON WORKERS

*Affiliated with A.F.L.-C.I.O.*

**LOCAL UNION NUMBER 625**

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**T.G. Paris**  
President Emeritus

September 12, 2023

Honolulu City Council Budget Committee  
City Council Chamber  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Re: Bill 39, CD2 (2023) - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kiaaina, and Members of the Council,

The Hawaii Ironworkers Local 625 **strongly supports** Bill 39, CD2 (2023), which establishes a real property tax exemption for certain real property located near a construction and demolition waste landfill, however, we urge the Council to keep the radius at **1 mile**.

For too long, residents of Nanakuli, including many of our members, have suffered the ill effects of a landfill in their backyard. Many suffer from chronic illnesses such as respiratory ailments, and many have unfortunately died from cancer at too young of an age. In fact, residents living near the PVT Landfill have a life expectancy of 10 years less than the state average according to the CDC and Federal Government.

Bill 39, CD2 is important to address the environmental racism occurring on the west side of Oahu and the Ironworkers Union Local 625 strongly urges the Honolulu City Council to continue to support Bill 39, CD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Joseph O'Donnell  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer





# United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers

AFFILIATED WITH AFL-CIO AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT

Local Union No. 221

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Vaughn W. Chong  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer-Business Manager

September 8, 2023

Honolulu City Council  
City Council Chamber  
Budget Committee

Re: Bill 39 (2023), CD1 – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Aloha Budget Committee Chair Cordeiro and Members of the Committee,

The United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers, Local 221 strongly supports Bill 39 (2023), CD1 in its entirety which proposes to establish a real property tax exemption for certain real property located near an active landfill.

While we wholeheartedly support our membership that resides on the west side of Oahu, we are also strongly supportive of our neighbors, friends, and family who also call this area home.

While Bill 39 (2023), CD1 specifically addresses the Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility operated by PVT Land Company, Ltd. as well as the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, we are also in support of future landfill areas having this tax exemption as well for those residents who will eventually be affected going forward.

Again, we are in full support of Bill 39 (2023), CD1 and thank the City Council, the Budget Committee under your leadership, and Chair Waters for introducing and shepherding this real property tax exemption through.

Sincerely yours,

Vaughn W. Chong  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer/Business Manager  
Roofers Local 221





## UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS

AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 9:00 AM  
City Council Chamber

**Re: Bill 39, CD1 (2023) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.**

Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW") is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue-collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawai'i and each of the four counties.

UPW supports Bill 39, CD1 (2023), which establishes a real property tax exemption for certain real property located near an active landfill. More specifically, this measure exempts residents who live within a one-mile radius of an active landfill from real property taxes and from the assessment of the minimum real property tax under §8-11.1.

While this measure would address the Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility operated by the PVT Land Company, Ltd. and the Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, Bill 39, CD1 would also exempt those residents who would be impacted by future landfill sites.

We humbly ask that the Council to support Hawai'i's working families who are negatively impacted by these landfill areas by passing Bill 39, CD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kalani Werner", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Kalani Werner  
State Director

**Hawaii's hard working union.**

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*Hale o nā Luna Makaʻāinana*

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

September 8, 2023

Meeting: September 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

City and County of Honolulu Council  
City Council Chamber

RE: Testimony Relating to BILL 39 (2023), CD1  
RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina, and Members of the Council

I am Darius Kila, and I am the current Representative for House District 44, which encompasses Honokai Hale, Nānākuli and Maʻili.

I am in STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 39 (2023) CD1, as it directly impacts the residents in my district. The Waimanalo Landfill, which is operated by PVT Land Company, Ltd., is located in my district and has residential properties surrounding it, and is of great concern to me and my constituents. There is well established scientific support that having residential properties/homes in close proximity (up to 2 miles away) to landfills have negative health impact for residents residing in those properties.

The impact to those who are living within one-half mile of an active landfill are impacted even more. Abutting the Waimanalo Landfill is a predominantly Native Hawaiian community, which has been negatively impacted by the close proximity of the landfill—the residents have a life-span that is 10 years lower than the state average of 82 years, and have the second- and third-lowest life expectancies in the entire state.

Additionally, living in such close proximity to the landfill creates a myriad of health problems for the residents, including but not limited to increased risk of reduced lung function, asthma, ataxia, paralysis, and lung cancer due to air pollution in their homes from unmitigated dust pollution from the landfill.

In addition to increased health problems, residents living in close proximity to landfills incur added expenses such as increased medical expenses, funeral expenses, and additional home repairs and repainting due to the unnatural build up of dust. The increased air pollution from the landfills also necessitates the installation and maintenance of an air filtration system.

**Representative Darius K. Kila**

House District 44—Honokai Hale, Nānākuli, Maʻili  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 436 / Honolulu, HI 96813  
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City and County of Honolulu Council  
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While not curing the ills brought to neighboring residents of landfills, a real property tax exemption for certain properties located near an active landfill will ease the burden of these added residential, medical and living expenses incurred by these residents living within a 1-mile radius of an active landfill.

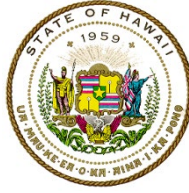
A property tax exemption should be made for residents who are living within a 1-mile radius of an active landfill. These residents are also affected by the pollutants from the landfill and will suffer from health problems. Continued and prolonged exposure to these pollutants, including inhalation of the gaseous emissions, will increase health problems, and could eventually lead to death.

This measure is similar to House Resolution (HR) 113 and House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 107, which I introduced during the 2023 Legislative Session; both HR113 and HCR107 were adopted by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darius K. Kila', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darius K. Kila  
Representative, House District 44



**The Senate**  
**Ka 'Aha Kenekoa**

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

September 8, 2023

The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Budget  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Cordero and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Subject: Testimony in Support of Bill 39 (2023) - Relating to Real Property Taxation

I would like to go on record to voice my support to the City Administration's draft of Bill 39 (2023) that proposes to exempt residential properties within a 0.5-mile radius of an active landfill to be exempt from real property taxes and from the assessment of the minimum real property tax. As proposed in Bill 39, this would allow residents living near a landfill to file for an exemption to continue upon the closure or relocation of an active landfill, for a period not to exceed 30 years.

This Bill would positively affect families living near the PVT Landfill, and remove a burden from already financially strained households. Exempting families from paying real property taxes would allow them to redirect their resources towards investing in their well-being and health, allowing them to also receive the appropriate health care to undo the damage that living near the landfill has done. According to the US Small Area Life Expectancy Estimates Project, the homesteads surrounding the landfills only live for an average of 72 years, compared to the Hawaii average of 82 years. There are multiple studies stating the adverse health affects of living near landfills, such as increased risk of cancer, birth defects, and various respiratory illnesses. I personally also have family members who have been affected by the landfills, and they have been suffering for decades with a variety of ailments ranging from skin diseases such as eczema, to heart, kidney and lung diseases.

I urge all members of the Honolulu City Council to stand in favor of Bill 39, and support the proposed exemption. By doing so, we can ensure a fair and equitable approach to taxation while taking essential steps to protect the well-being of our community members residing near active landfills. Thank you for this opportunity to share this testimony for the Honolulu City Council's consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Kurt Fevella  
State of Hawai'i, District 20

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Honolulu City Council

Chairman Waters

530 S. King Street St#202  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Bill 39, CD1 (2023) - 2023 RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY  
TAXATION

Dear Chair Waters:

The Hawaii Ports Maritime Council strongly supports Bill 39, CD1 2023 to  
establish a Real Property Tax Exemption for properties located near an active  
landfill.

Respectfully,



Randy Swindell  
President



Honolulu City Council  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00 A.M.  
530 S King St.  
Honolulu Hale, Room 202  
Honolulu, HI 96813

### Re - Support for Bill 39 - Relating to Real Property Tax

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Aloha Chair Radiant Cordero and members of the committee:

Bill 39 before the Honolulu City Council aims to provide tax relief to those in Nānākuli and Mā‘ili affected by PVT Landfill and any other community affected by our waste processing and landfilling. I support tax relief for those that reside in proximity of an active construction and demolition landfill. In addition, I urge the committee members to consider, as a separate matter, a host community benefits package program similar to that of the Kekaha Community Benefits Fund on Kaua‘i for those communities disproportionately impacted by O‘ahu’s waste management, to include *at least* Nānākuli, Mā‘ili, Kapolei, Makakilo, and Honokai Hale.

From Mā‘ili and residing in Kapolei, my name is Kamuela Werner. I graduated from Nānākuli High School, hold a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Management as well as a Masters in Public Health from the University of Hawai‘i. I have worked at the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine as a Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander health disparities researcher, as a Native Hawaiian Congressional fellow for Senator Mazie Hirono in D.C., and now work as a teacher and farmer at Nānākuli High and Intermediate School.

Before moving to Mā‘ili, I grew up in a multi-generational Native Hawaiian household on Mōhihi Street in Nānākuli. The Lualualei plain was my backyard where, at the time, you could see straight through to the base of Pu‘u Heleakalā, the sacred and storied place of our ancestor Māui. Now we see “mauna ‘ōpala” as the keiki call it, created by the PVT Land Company. Today, I speak on behalf of my ‘ohana that live, work, or go to school in the shadow of “trash mountain”.

We respectfully ask you to support all three. Why? To advance environmental justice for our community who are victims of environmental racism and to help resource our neighbors and neighborhoods to adequately address the ills of waste management in our communities.

On O‘ahu, nearly all landfilling, waste-to-energy processing, and recycling of O‘ahu’s waste occurs in West O‘ahu in areas with high concentrations of Native Hawaiians at Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill adjacent to the Honokai Hale and Makakilo communities, H-POWER adjacent to the Kapolei community, and where the H-POWER ash and much of the Construction and Demolition waste passes through Makakilo, Kapolei, and Honokai Hale to either end up at



Waimanalo Gulch or in Nānākuli at PVT Landfill (2019 *Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan*).

In Act 73, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2020, the state of Hawai‘i established Hawai‘i’s statewide “buffer zone” law which includes a prohibition of landfills one-half mile between the edge of waste or disposal activity and the nearest residential, school, or hospital property line while the Hawai‘i State “buffer zone” law is a great step towards minimizing the impact of landfills, it does not address the plight of the thousands of our neighbors that live next to landfills whom suffer a decrease in quality of life, depressed property valuation, and experience a myriad of health problems including increased risk of reduced lung function, asthma, ataxia, paralysis, and lung cancer as their home air quality has been negatively impacted by such operations.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Health Statistics in the U.S. Small-Area Life Expectancy Estimates Project based in part on U.S. census data, the census tracts that include Nānākuli Homestead and the neighborhoods of Auyoung Homestead Road and Mōhihi Street have the 2nd and 3rd lowest life expectancies in the State. Our communities’ life expectancy is 8 to 10 years less than the State average of 82 years. Immediately surrounding these communities, the life expectancy jumps between 4 and 6 years from the backside of Lualualei Valley behind the Wai‘anae Coast Comprehensive Center, to Ko‘olina, Honokai Hale, and Makakilo. Something is not pono.

Current and available public health studies associate living in close proximity to a landfill of 1 to 4 miles with adverse pregnancy outcomes, increases in infant low birth weights, increases in the risk of birth defects, self-reported headaches, sleepiness, respiratory and central nervous system problems, psychological conditions, and gastrointestinal issues. (*See Health effects of residence near hazardous waste landfill sites: a review of epidemiologic literature, Environmental Health Perspectives, 2000; Health effects associated with the disposal of solid waste in landfills and incinerators in populations living in surrounding areas: a systematic review, The International Journal of Public Health, 2013*). As a Construction and Demolition landfill in specific, the current PVT landfill contains tons of gypsum drywall which breaks down to produce hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) gas (*See Hydrogen sulfide generation in simulated construction and demolition debris landfills: impact of waste composition, The Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association, 2006*). Residential exposure to H<sub>2</sub>S within 3.1 miles of a landfill is associated with lung cancer deaths as well as with death, disease and hospitalizations from respiratory illnesses (Morbidity and mortality of people who live close to municipal waste landfills: a multisite cohort study, *International Journal of Epidemiology, 2016*). Using the US Census 2017 ACS 5-Year Population Estimates for Nānākuli and Mā‘ili, it is estimated that over 18,000 residents live within 3.1 miles of the PVT landfill and are potentially exposed daily to H<sub>2</sub>S in specific, and other landfill gasses and debris. In emergency situations, the State and City and County of Honolulu governments can place, and have placed, materials from disaster cleanups into PVT landfill.

The Hawai‘i Department of Health (HDOH) has never clarified that there is no risk to the public for living in proximity to landfills in general, or the current or proposed PVT landfill in

specific, especially within 3.1 miles. Further, HDOH has never reviewed the findings of independent studies which say that there is no risk to public health from landfills in general or from the current or proposed PVT landfills in specific, especially to the thousands of people that live, work, and play within a 3.1-mile radius of landfill operations. In fact, according to the PVT 2019 Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the only HDOH air monitoring station that measures H2S is located in Puna on Hawai'i Island. HDOH given the current regulations for landfills, has been unable to adequately protect the public health, despite kama'āina testimony presented since the 1980s, voicing concerns over the adverse health impacts of living and working in close proximity to landfills both in general and with regard to the operations and plans of PVT in specific. Lastly, it is not clear if the permit requirements issued by HDOH or the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu are being enforced by HDOH and the City and County of Honolulu.

As a Native Hawaiian Congressional fellow who worked in the Office of Sen. Mazie Hirono, I gained a greater understanding of the purpose and value of governmental policies, which are in part, to protect the health and safety of the public. The policies that regulate our landfills today are incomplete, because communities are still at risk, our communities of Nānākuli and Mā'ili, Kapolei, Honokai Hale, and Makakilo are at risk. According to the EPA, environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. I argue, the current regulations and policies that allow PVT to operate a landfill in the heart of Nānākuli and Mā'ili communities are racist towards Native Hawaiians and/or Pacific Islands and prejudiced towards working families with low to medium incomes. Today, we can take a step towards environmental justice for all communities.

I urge the City Council Budget Committee to support Bill 39 as this provides a measure of support towards those critically impacted by construction and demolition landfilling on O'ahu.

Mahalo.

Ke aloha 'āina,

Kamuela Werner, MPH  
Kapolei, O'ahu

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Honolulu City Council  
Committee on Budget  
City Council Chamber  
Tuesday, September 12th, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

**Re: Bill 39, CDI (2023) - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION**  
**SUBMITTED BY: Tuia'ana Scanlan, President, IATSE Local 665**

Aloha Chair Cordero and Members of the Committee,

IATSE Local 665 **strongly supports Bill 39, CD1** which exempts the property taxes of homes within a mile of a construction and demolition waste landfill. We urge you to keep this bill's language to "within a mile" and not reduce it to half a mile, please.

We applaud Council Chair Tommy Waters and the Honolulu City Council for introducing and supporting such an important bill that addresses environmental racism on the west side of Oahu. For too long, Nanakuli residents have been forgotten and have dealt with the negative effects of a landfill surrounding their properties, schools, and shopping centers.

It is a known fact that residents living near PVT live on average 10 years less than the state average with many dealing with respiratory illnesses and cancer. This is wrong and we are glad Bill 39 will financially help those suffering from the many illnesses caused by a landfill nearby. Ultimately, PVT needs to close but until a new site is found, residents should be financially compensated. Bill 39 is a step in the right direction.

We strongly urge the Council to continue to support Bill 39. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,



Tuia'ana Scanlan  
President, IATSE 665  
he/him/his



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September 11, 2023

Honolulu City Council  
Committee on Budget  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Bill 39, CD1 (2023) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION**

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Weyer, and Committee Members,

My name is Gino Soquena, Executive Director of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council (HBCTC) which is comprised of 18 construction trade unions here in the State of Hawaii. The HBCTC continues to strongly support Bill 39 and I would again like to offer written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Bill 39, CD1 (2023), which exempts the property taxes on certain homes located near a landfill.

HBCTC's mission is to promote the interests of the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, its members and affiliates, with the underlying goal of creating job opportunities and a healthy and vibrant construction industry throughout Hawaii. We are committed to providing Hawaii's working men and women with hope for a better tomorrow through support of smart growth techniques while maintaining our valuable natural resources.

For nearly 40 years, Nanakuli residents, including many of our members and their families, have been forgotten and have dealt with the negative effects of a landfill surrounding their homes and their schools. Data collected by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics Neighborhood Life Expectancy Project show that residents living near a landfill live an average of 10 years less than the state average with many dealing with respiratory illnesses and cancer.

This is wrong, but we are hopeful that Bill 39 will financially help those suffering from the many of those illnesses caused by a nearby landfill. Ultimately, any landfill in Nanakuli needs to close but until a new site is found, residents should be financially compensated and Bill 39 is a step in the right direction.

For these reasons, the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** Bill 39, CD1 (2023) and hope for a favorable decision by the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

*Gino Soquena*

Gino Soquena  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council



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**TO: THE HONORABLE RADIANT CORDERO, CHAIR  
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET**

**SUBJECT: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of Bill 39 RELATING TO  
REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.**

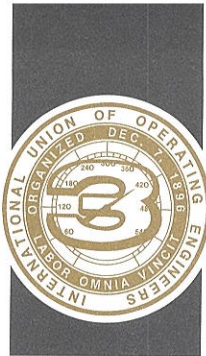
**DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2023**  
**TIME: 9:00am**

Aloha Chair Cordero, and members of the Honolulu City Council Committee on the Budget,

The Hawaii Masons' and Plasterers' Unions Stabilization Fund is a labor-management partnership between the cement finisher members of OPCMIA Local 630, the cement finisher members of IUBAC Local 1 and the over 250 construction companies from the General Contractors Labor Association and the Building Industry Labor Association. We are proud to represent our members in all matters related to the construction industry and, to that end, are in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Bill 39 relating to real property taxation.

Data collected by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics Neighborhood Life Expectancy Project show that residents living near a landfill live an average of 10 years less than the state average with many dealing with respiratory illnesses and cancer. A Real Property Tax Exemption for residents living within a mile surrounding the PVT landfill will allow affected residents to have the means to better care for their health and safety and is a positive step toward acknowledging the pain and suffering of people living so close to a landfill.

We urge your support and thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.



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September 11, 2023

Honorable Radiant Cordero, Honolulu City Council Budget Committee, Chair  
Honorable, Matt Weyer, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council Budget Committee

RE: BILL 39 (2023)- CD1 RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Aloha Chair Cordero and Members of the Budget Committee,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest construction union in the United States. I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 **strongly support Bill 39, CD1**, which proposes to establish a real property tax exemption for certain real property located near an active landfill.

We applaud Council Chair Tommy Waters and the Honolulu City Council for introducing and supporting such an important bill that addresses environmental inequality on the west side of Oahu. For too long, Nanakuli residents have been forgotten and have dealt with the negative effects of a landfill surrounding their properties, schools, and shopping centers.

While not curing the ills brought to neighboring residents of landfills, a real property tax exemption for certain properties located near an active landfill will ease the burden of these added residential, medical and living expenses incurred by these residents living within a 1-mile radius of an active landfill.

We humbly ask that the committee support and approve Bill 39, CD1.

Mahalo,

Ana Tuiasosopo  
District Representative - Hawaii  
Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3

September 12, 2023

Honolulu City Council Budget Committee  
City Council Chamber  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Re: Bill 39, CD1 (2023) - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Weyer, and Members of the Committee,

My name is T. George Paris and I have been a resident of Nanakuli for over 50 years and have lived near PVT ever since it was built in our backyard. I **strongly support** Bill 39, CD1 (2023), which establishes a real property tax exemption for certain real property located near an active landfill. This bill will help benefit hundreds of union members from all different sectors who are suffering from many different ailments from living near a construction and demolition waste landfill. I also strongly urge the Council to keep the radius at **1 mile** to help the residents of Nanakuli who have suffered for decades.

The reality is, for nearly 40 years, since 1985, residents of Nanakuli saw PVT move into their backyard and have suffered the ill effects of the PVT Landfill such as chronic respiratory ailments or cancer that have unfortunately caused many loved ones to die earlier than they should have. In fact, residents living near PVT have a 10-year lower life expectancy compared to the state average according to the data collected by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics Neighborhood Life Expectancy Project which was released publicly in 2018. And this is no coincidence. Homes, schools, and churches surround the PVT Landfill which emits harmful particles into the air which many residents have no idea they are breathing in. Nanakuli residents from the day they are born suffer from the many hazards of a landfill with many tragically dying at a younger age including my wife Violet Sunday Paris who died at a young age of 72 while living near PVT. It is important the Mayor takes action to correct the **environmental racism and injustice** that has blatantly occurred on the west side of Oahu.

That said, Bill 39 is a good start, which exempts residential real property taxes within one mile surrounding the PVT Landfill. These small property tax savings will help many of the residents who suffered and continue to suffer to this day. The fact is residents living within a mile of the operation of PVT are living paycheck-to-paycheck with a **majority living on Hawaiian Home Lands**. A real property tax break will bring about meaningful change and opportunity for those residents to better care for their health and safety, including through purchasing and maintaining air filters in their homes.

We need to remember that every community has the right to breathe clean air and as a matter of Hawaii Law, every community deserves a "clean and healthful environment" (HI State Const, Art. XI, Sec. 9). While Bill 39 does not close PVT, it does help Nanakuli residents better achieve the clean and healthful environment of the Hawaii State Constitution and recognizes **environmental racism and**

**injustice** has occurred throughout the west side of Oahu, especially near the PVT Landfill. It is also important to stress that PVT landfill should close in the next 5-7 years and help accomplish no more landfills on the west side of Oahu.

I appreciate Council Chair Tommy Waters for introducing Bill 39 and for the Council passing Bill 39 during its last few hearings. It is also important to mention the State House and State Senate unanimously passed a concurrent resolution strongly urging the Honolulu City Council to enact a property tax break for residents residing near an active landfill.

I strongly urge the Council to continue to move Bill 39, CD1. We should never put a price on a person's health and life. A couple million is a small price to pay to keep people safe and healthy and correct the wrongs of **environmental racism and injustice**. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

T. George Paris





City Council Chair Mr. Tommy Waters  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Councilmember Andria Tupola  
Councilmember Radiant Cordero  
Councilmember Calvin Say  
Councilmember Val Okimoto

Councilmember Esther Kiaaina  
Councilmember Matt Weyer  
Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam  
Councilmember Augie Tulba

**RE: Bill 39 Relating to Real Property Taxation**

**Aloha Council Chair Tommy Waters:**

A lessee beneficiary at Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead, my name is Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya, former twenty-nine year (29), Neighborhood Board member and former chair. I would like to express my strong opposition to Bill 39 Real Property Taxation introduced by Chair City Council Tommy Waters. I find it so very disturbing that a Councilmember outside of his district would introduce such a Bill for a special interest group which to benefit in receiving the real property tax exemption.

The overwhelming opposition from our Wai'anae and Nanakuli Neighborhood Board is the result that this Bill 39 has an adverse impact in our district. Further this property tax exemption for residential real property within a 1-mile or CD-2, 0.5-mile radius of an active landfill will attract more landfills in our district and a significant loss of revenue for the City, which may impact services to our district of the Wai'anae Coast.

There are so many false comments and statements of sickness, diseases and people dying caused by PVT Landfill. There are no proven health reports to justify that can prove any health of residents within one mile or more. I have lived on Auyong Homestead Road/Mohihi Street since 1978 – 2015, 37 years at 0.5 radius miles of PVT Landfill raising my children and grandchildren without any illness to me or my family. I'm retired at age 65 years

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PAGE 2**

and my granddaughter and family continue to live on Mohihi Street, Nanakuli just 0.5-mile radius of PVT Landfill, enjoying their home. What about the new Self-Help project that has broken ground across PVT Landfill on Lualualei Road that will be building 80 homes in 2024? Will families also be covered for tax exemption relief and be warned of the dangerous accusations coming from the landfill? If it claims to be so dangerous of illness, why are we building new home ownership right across the street from PVT Landfill?

The false statements and opportunists who created Bill 39 was created to benefit themselves further take advantage of every opportunity by convincing Chair of the City Council in introducing Bill 39, which is not his district, will only show of the strong political pay backs in government.

I stand strong along with my Councilmember Tupola in the effort to find fairness for everyone in our community. I urge you and other Councilmembers do not to support Bill 39 real property tax exemption and do what is right for the entire State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,  
Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya  
Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya  
P.O Box 2308  
Wai'anae, Hawaii 96792

Honolulu City Council

City Council Chamber

Tuesday September 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Re: Bill 39, CD1 (2023) - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Aloha Chair Cordero and Members of the Budget Committee

I'm a long-time resident of the Leeward side of the island. My ohana and I strongly support Bill 39, CD1, which exempts the property taxes for homes within a mile of a construction and demolition landfill.

Bill 39 CD1 addresses environmental racism on the west side of Oahu. For too long, Nanakuli residents have been forgotten and have dealt with the negative effects of a landfill surrounding their properties, schools, and shopping centers.

It is believed that residents living near PVT live on average 10 years less than the state average with many dealing with respiratory illnesses and cancer. This is wrong and we are glad Bill 39 will financially help those suffering from the many illnesses caused by PVT landfill near their homes. Ultimately, PVT needs to close but until a new site is found, residents should be financially compensated. Bill 39 CD1 is a step in the right direction.

Data collected by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics Neighborhood Life Expectancy Project show that residents living near the PVT landfill live an average of 10 years less than the state average with many dealing with respiratory illnesses, health problems and cancer. Real property tax exemption for residents living within a mile surrounding the PVT landfill is a start and will allow affected residents to have the means to better care for their health and safety. After meeting and talking to hundreds of the residents living within a mile of the Construction and Demolition Landfill a petition was signed by hundreds of the affected residents who are in strong support of Bill 39 CD1.

We strongly urge the Budget committee to pass Bill 39 CD1.

Mahalo,

Mel Kahele

# Support Property Tax Exemptions for Residents within 1-mile of PVT Landfill

According to the US Small Area Life Expectancy Estimates Project, the homesteads surrounding the landfills only live for an *average* of 72 years, compared to the Hawaii average of 82 years. That's a 10 year decrease! There are multiple studies stating the adverse health affects of living near landfills, such as increased risk of cancer, birth defects, and various respiratory illnesses. This property tax exemption would allow our Kupuna to redirect their resources towards investing in their health and well-being, and ensure a fair and equitable approach to taxation.

## BILL 39 (2023)

We humbly ask that you sign this petition to save our community.

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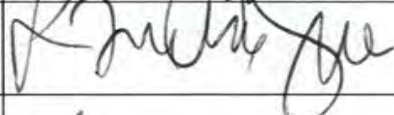



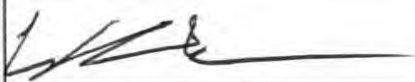
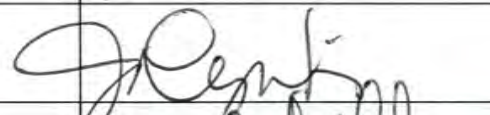
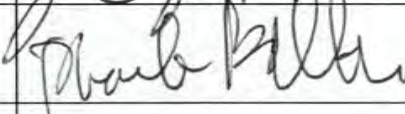
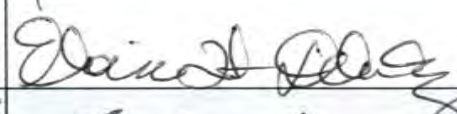
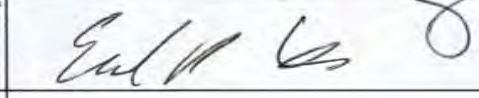



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8/29/23	Li NOA		89-888 Haleakala Ave	808-220-0586
8/29/23	Luciann Ezzi		89-920 Haleakala	808-3416681
8/29/23	Tessie L. Kolenawa		89-846 Haleakala	
11 11	Robert J. Coyke		" "	
7/21/22	Zena Nasau		89814 Haleakala Ave	808-291-3469
8/29/23	Lino Kauauka		89814 Haleakala Ave	808-457-0085
8/29/23	Jolyn Ballent		89632 Haleakala Ave Nanana, HI 96792	808-230-9194
8/29/23	Phoebe Ballent		89630 Haleakala Avenue, Nanana, HI	
8/29/23	Eloise H. Deane		89-624 Haleakala Ave	808-479-0894
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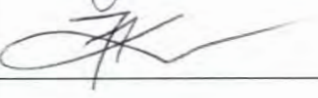
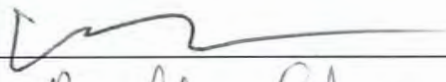
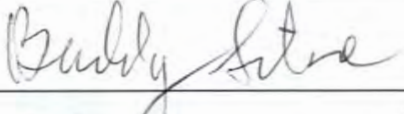
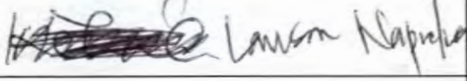



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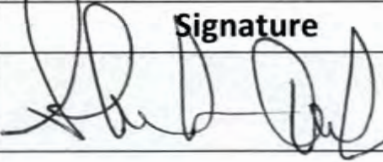

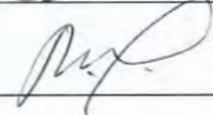
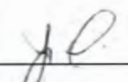
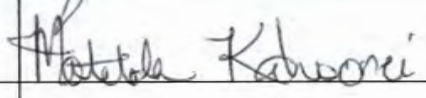
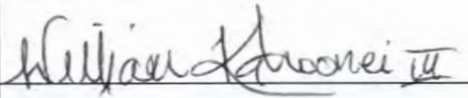
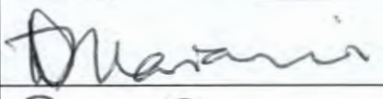
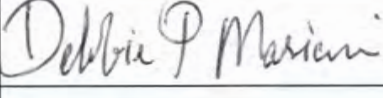
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8/29/23	J/O I'		89-621 HALEAKALA AVE	808-853-8885
8/29/23	Mu' Kahala		92667 Palalai St	
8/29/23	Buddy Silva		89-640 Haleakala Wai'anae, HI 96792	
8/29/23	Lawson Napuehua		89-524 Haleakala Ave Wai'anae, HI 96792	808-779-8738
11	Malcolm Kekawa		82-363 Pua Ave	
11	Kristy Kiili		11	
11	Henry Kawailima		11	
11	Ruth Solomon		11	
11	Alivina Bentiz		11	
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08/29/23	John Ioane		89-512 Haleakala Ave	(808) 778-2048
8/29/23	Melanie Ioane		" "	(808) 699-4049
8/29/23	Johanne Ioane		89-512 Haleakala Ave	(808) 953-4958
8/29/23	Matilda Kahooni		89-416 Haleakala Ave 96792	(808) 222-8960
8/29/23	William Kahooni III		" "	(808) 222-8960
8/29/23	Desiree Mariani		89-441 Pua Ave. Waimanalo HI	808 306-3068
8/29/23	Debbie Mariani		" "	
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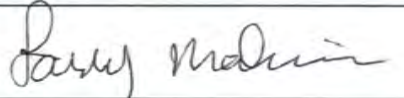

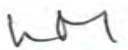
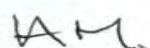
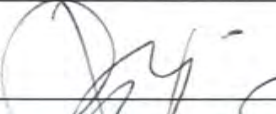


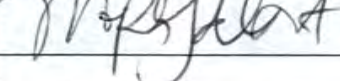

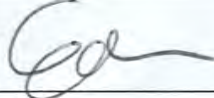


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8/29/23	LARRY mahiai		89-792 HALEAKALA AVE	808-330-9691
8/29/23	Lot mahiai		89-792 HALEAKALA AVE	808-330-9691
8/29/23	LORNA mahiai		89-792 HALEAKALA AVE	808-668-7461
8/29/23	ALUKA mahiai		89-792 HALEAKALA AVE	808 668-7461
8/29/23	Fenelope Wong		89-714 "	808-652-8047
8/29/23	Jeremid Talbot		87-154 Waiolu St	(808) 668-9392
"	Gary Talbot		87-154 Waiolu St	808 668-9392
"	Moriah Talbot		87-154 Waiolu St	808 479 2525
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"	Elijah Talbot		87-154 Waiolu St	808 668 9392
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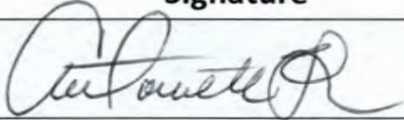
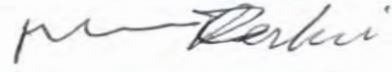
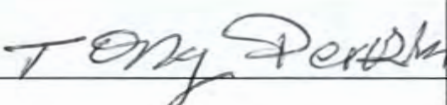
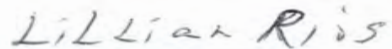
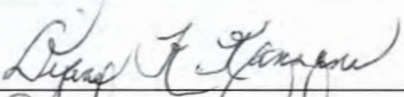
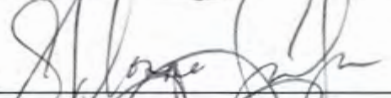




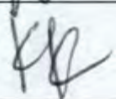


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8/30	Marla Perkins		Hale 14a	
8/30/23	Tony Perkins		Hale 14a	
8/30/23	Lillian Reis		87-122 Naha Keola St.	
8/23	Diane Kuwira Kaulana		87-122 Naha Keola St.	
8/30	Shirbonna Samson		87-186 Hale 14a St #1	
8/30	Wesl Thomas		87-2146 Hale 14a St #5	
8/30	BRANDEN KAOPUIKI		87-191 LAIKU ST	
8/30/23	JAZEL EDRAJA		87-191 LAIKU ST.	
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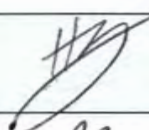
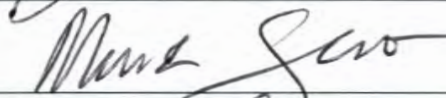
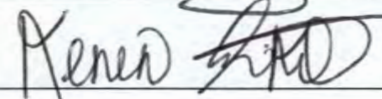
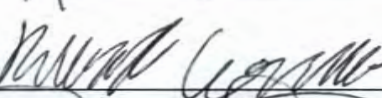
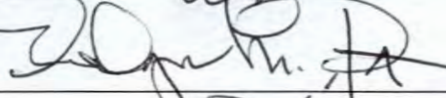
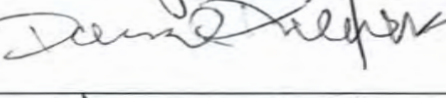
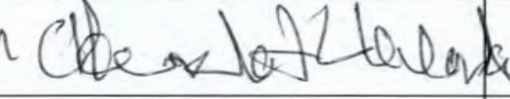
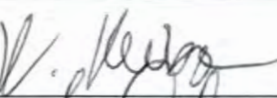

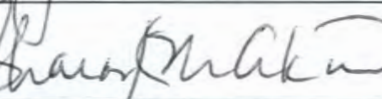
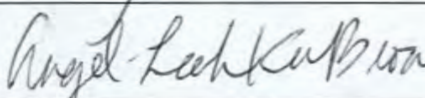
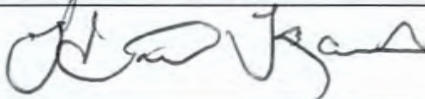


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8/30/23	Mark Siket		89592 Mokiawe St.	<del>(808)364-2310</del>
8/30/23	Keren Siket		89592 Mokiawe St.	_____
	Ricardo Carrillo		89-585 Mokiawe St.	_____
	EVELYN PA		89-510 MOKIAWE ST.	_____
	DAVID KILAKALA		89-444 MOKIAWE ST.	_____
	Charlotte Kilakala		89-440 MOKIAWE ST.	_____
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8/30/23	Julie Ann Kairi Brown		89-357 MOKIAWE ST.	_____
8-30-23	Sharon KM Akiona		89-225 HAKAKALA AVE	_____
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11	Haines Kairi		89225 HAKAKALA AVE	_____

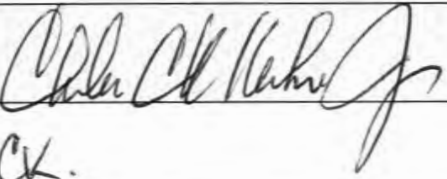


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8-30-2023	Korinda H. Kim	CK.	89-601 Mokiawest St.	
8-30-23	Manny K Maluka	Manny M	89-555 MOKIAWEST	
8/30/23	Logan J. Willie	Logan J. Willie	89-539 Mokiawest St	
8/30/23	Thomas W. Wm	Thomas W. Wm	89-511 Mokiawest St	
8/30/23	Rolando Espanto	Rolando Espanto	87-214 Kipahulu Pl.	
8/30/23	Charles Naone	Charles Naone	89-048 Farrington Hwy	
8/30/23	Gaelic Cunha	Gaelic Cunha	89-754 Adairway 50C	
8/30/23	Kandace AK94	Kandace	89-145 Mano Ave	
8/30/23	Charleston Mahoe	Charleston Mahoe	89-145 Mano Ave	
8/30/23	Charlita Mahoe	C. Mahoe	↓	
8/30/23	SILAS AHSUM	Silas AHSUM	89008 Farrington Hwy	



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1/1	Melody Kekana	1/1	mm	
1/1	Lervern Wong	1/1	LW	
8/30/23	KERRY MAKASODE	29-176 MAALO AVE 4th fl, HI 96792	Kerry Makasode	
8/30/23	Laurie Kahao	Laurie Kahao	89-692 MOKIAWE ST	808 741-9632
8/30/23	Georgiette Kaea	Georgiette N. Kaea	89-692 MOKIAWE ST	808-329-6725
8/30/23	John Kapa	John Kapa	89-692 MOKIAWE	808 721-3497
8/30/23	CLIFFORD J. LOPEZ JR	89-670 MOKIAWE ST	Clifford Lopez Jr	808-668-236
8/30	GAYLYNE WBS	Gaylene WBS	89-670 MOKIAWE ST	808-668-2030
8/30	Rose DAMAS	R. Damas	89-342 PALIKEA ST	
8/30	Rosalyn Zamora	R. Damas	89-632 MOKIAWE ST	(808) 724-8287
8/30	Rodney DAMAS	R. Damas	89-342 PALIKEA ST	






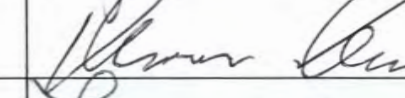


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8/30/23	LORNA GONSALVES			
8/30/23	Glenn Wa'a Kawai'ae'a Jr		87-238 WARD ST	724-3443
8/30/23	SOLOMON AHSUM		89008 Farrington Hwy	
8/30/23	SUMNER KAARUKII		87-152 KALEIWOHI WAIKANE, HI 96792	
8/30/23	Irwin Aweau		89-108 POKA'U POKA'U WAIKANE HI 96792	
8/30/23	Luania Ealim	Luania Ealim	87-208 HOLOPONA ST WAIKANE, HI 96792	
8/30/23	Harold Kaeo	H.K.	✓	
8/30/23	Luania Sula	L.E	✓	



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8/31/2023	Katie Moa	Katie H Moa	89-336 Mokuawe	668-2029
8/31/2023	Ikaika Moa	Cassidy moa	89-336 mokuawe	668-2029
8/31/23	Julian Higa	Julian Higa	87-131 Helema	219-564
8/31/23	Janie Yau	Janie Yau	84-171A Waiwa	808-230-7619
8/31/23	Cindy Cadiz	Cadiz	87-2044 Farrington	808-668-8905
"	Rene' Cadiz	Rene' Cadiz	"	"
8/31/23	RANONA ACASIA	Ranona Acasia	87-2009 KAHALU	808-668-8901
8/31/23	ROSE JANE CANAZO	Rose Jane Canazo	87-110 Maaloa	808-840-7640
8/31/23	FARMASASH LANGASTO	Farmasash Langasto	87-110 Maaloa	808-222-2918
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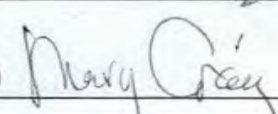


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8/31/23	Douglas Newman		89-494 Puakolu St Waiānāe HI 96792	808 099 5057
8/31/23	Pono Tiave		89-523 Puakolu St. Waiānāe HI 96792	
8/31/23	Taylor Baulow		89-523 Puakolu St. Waiānāe HI 96792	
8/31/23	EDUARDO KAHANAOI		89-564 Puakolu St Waiānāe HI 96792	
8/31/23	Christina K. Kalili		89-494 Mokiawest Waiānāe, HI 96792	808-668-2001
8/31/23	Colbert Kula		89-404 Mokiawest HI 96792	
8/31/23	MICHAEL LEE		89-372 MOKIAWEST ST HI 96792	
8/31/23	Mary Grace (Alfapete)		89-360 Mokiawest St. Waiānāe, HI 96792	(808) 208-7384
8/31/23	Duane Kama		89-359 Mokiawest Waiānāe, HI 96792	808-633-5142
8/31/23	K. Kekumu		87-221 Maaloe Waiānāe HI 96792	808 633-5812
9/2/23	C. CHAN		89-344 MOKIAWEST ST. WAIANAE, HI 96792	




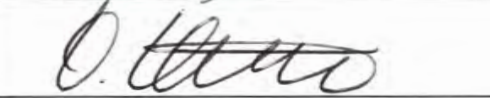

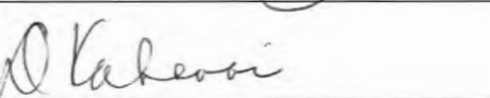
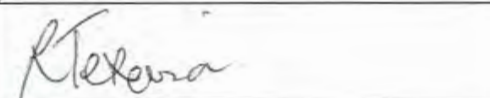
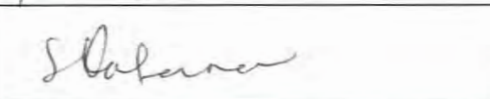
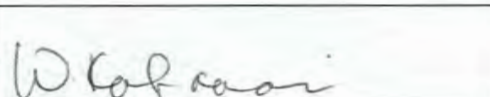
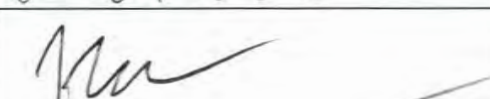




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8/31	Eva Hubbard		89-605 Uleilp	(808) 7383-8221
8/31	Branson KALAHIKI		89-531 Uleilp	(808) 425-6169
8/31	Kuula Kalahiki		89-531 Uleilp	(808) 728-0180
8/31	Herbert Bright		89-106 Hualalai Ave	(808) 954-1639
8/31	Debra Jean Kahanani		89-475 Mokimae St	(808) 388-9114
8/31	Lehua Teixeira		89-475 Mokimae St	(808) 630-1919
8/31	Steven Kahanani		91-919 Alana St	(808) 260-8303
8/31	Walter Kahanani		405 Kueh St	808 (330) 2188
8/31	Keoni Momoa		89-384 Mokimae St	808 (490) 8434
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	George Kadeau		89 380 Mokimae St	808 371-5357

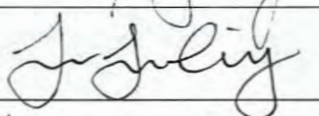


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AUG 30, 2023	Mahinaalani Kahale		92-662 Palailai Kapolei, HI 96707	808-781-3834
AUG 30 2023	Daniel Souza		92-123 Pulika Pl. Kapolei HI 96707	808-372-0323
Aug 30 2023	Jevin Tam Sing		<del>92-662</del> 85-756 Piliuka Place <sup>Waimanalo</sup> Kapolei	
8/30/23	MAIKA KAHALO AKEO	Maika Kahalo Akeo	12662 Palailai Kapolei	
AUG 30 2023	Lazette Fanning		92-1896 PALAHIA ST APT J102, KAPOLEI, HI, 96707.	
Aug 30 2023	Mystic Kahale-akeo	ME	92-662 Palailai Kapolei, HI 96707	808-394-7610
AUG 31 2023	Elizabeth Garner		89-507 Haleakala Ave Waimanalo, HI 96792	
8/31/	CHRIS KUAHUA	CR	79536- OPUHE ST.	
8/31/23	SAM SPENCER		89-587 Halei LP.	
8/31/23	Kawai Hubbard	Kawai H	89-605 Ulei Loop	
8/31/23	Ralph Tam	R. Tam	79504 Ulei Loop	
	Francis Tam	F. Tam	89-504 Ulei Loop	

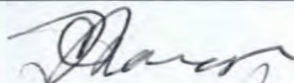
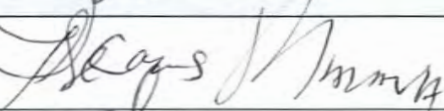


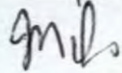
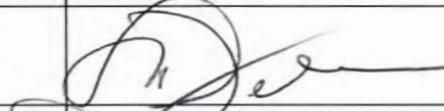
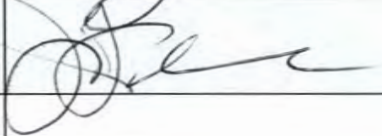


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8/31/2023	Caroline Poma		87-118 Malaga St Wahiawa	808-600-7711
9/1/23	Precious L. Poma		87-118 Malaga St Wahiawa	808-345-4783
8/31/23	Kathleen Villaver		87-191 Mikana Street	808-726-3300
8/31/23	Roy Ishii		87-237 Mikana St.	541-543-9574
8/31/23	Melissa Ishii		87-237 Mikana St.	541-579-3012
8/31/23	Milaina Felisi		87-229 Mikana St	
8/31/23	John Felisi		87-229 Mikana St	

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9/1/23	Ronald Allison	Ronald Allison	87-217-5 Heleluā St	808-840-3498
9/1/23	Bill & Francesca Patronis <sup>2</sup>	Francesca Patronis	87-213-3 Heleluā St	808-668-4098
9/1/23	Infrette Kalawan	W. Kalawan	87-1634 Farrington	808 404-2964
9/1/23	JAMES A AKAU	James A Aka	87-867 EHU ST	(808) 343 078
9/1/23	Laura Manuel	Laura Manuel	87-212 Heleluā #5	
9/1/23	Donna Earley	Donna Earley	87-212 #3 Heleluā St	
9/1/23	Francine K. Paaluh	Francine K. Paaluh	87-206 Heleluā St Waiānana #4	(808) 392-3814
9/1/23	Maile Rivera	Maile Rivera	87-200 Heleluā St Unit 6	
9/1/23	Micael Arouas	Micael Arouas	87-209 HELELUA ST	(808)-398-4604
9/1/23	Martina Ulii	M. Ulii	" "	(808) 450-5136
9/1/23	Charles Gumm	Charles Gumm	87-201 Heleluā Ap # 4	808-282-1307
9/1/23	Roman Paris	Roman Paris	87-186 Heleluā St APT 8	



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9-1-23	Wallace Chan	Wallace Chan	87-217-3 Halelani St.	808 258 0451
9-1-23		Charles Comer	Waianae	
9/1/23	Annie McCollough	Annie McCollough	87-196-1 Waianae	688-6391
9/1/23	Alvin Bunton	Alvin Bunton	87-196-1 Waianae	668-9316
9-1-23	Jeanne Dunbar	Jeanne Dunbar	87-196 #2	
9-1-23	Kevin Smith	KEVIN SMITH	87-196 #5	668-2052
9/1/23	Kyle Pappas		87-196 #7	
9/1/23	Miah Nahine		87-196 #3	694 6853
9-1-23	Chris Clark		87-186 #3	220 8419
	Roselyn Paris	Roselyn Paris	87-186 HELEMANA ST UNIT #8	

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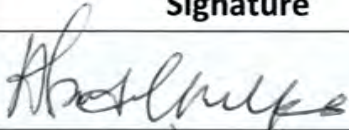
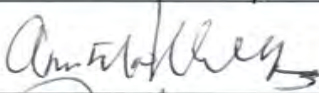
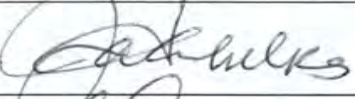
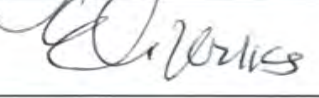

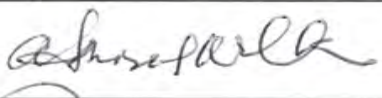
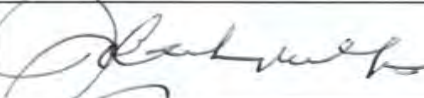
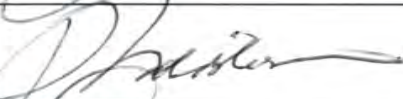

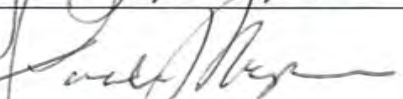

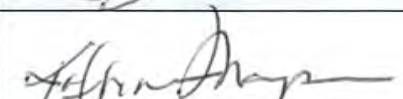


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9/4/23	Ann Rita T. Wilks		87-143 Haleakala Waianae	808-489-6786
9/4/23	Jadaiah Kareem Wilks		87-143 Haleakala Waianae	808-489-6786
9/4/23	Chyiah S. Wilks		87-143 Haleakala Waianae	808-245-1832
9/4/23	Kalah. L. Wilks		87-143 Haleakala Waianae	808-690-3726
9/4/23	Admiral A. Wilks		87-143 Haleakala Waianae	808-690-3726
9/4/23	Jahiah R. Wilks		87-143 Haleakala Waianae	808-436-6214
9/3/23	Matthew Stein		87-114 Malaea Waianae	808-230-6114
9/5/23	Tikah Lahmeyer		87-114 Malaea Waianae	808-230-6114
9/5/23	Franka S. Tangosto		87-118 Malaea Waianae	808-724-8509
9/4/23	Siana Tangosto		87-118 Malaea Waianae	808-724-8509
9/5/23	Katrina Tangosto		87-118 Malaea Waianae	808-724-8509



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Sept 4	Beverly Brumbly	Beverly Brumbly	87-266 Auyong HUSTO	808-234-4723
9/4	Ky Pō Ballent	Ky Pō Ballent	87-1906 auyong	808-517-759
9/4	Larry Ballenti Jr	Larry Ballenti Jr	871906 auyong st	808 796 7376
9/4	LORI NAKOA	LORI NAKOA	871846 Doherty St	808 364 5064
9/4	MARY NAKOA	Mary Nakoa	87-298 Holoponopono	808-8647647
9/4	Non Nakoa	Non Nakoa	87-306 Holoponopono	478-8757
9-4	Robert S. Cunningham	Robert S. Cunningham	87-1852 Mohihi St Waiānae, HI 96792	808-888 2489
9-4	Ekona Kahumanu	Ekona Kahumanu	87-1622 Ule hawa Rd Waiānae HI 96792	808-796 9169
9-4	Lily Grace	Lily Grace	87-1951 Mohihi St. Waiānae, HI 96792	808-692-3591
9-4	Lilia Grace	Lilia Grace	87-1951 Mohihi St. Waiānae, HI 96792	808-379-9446
9/4	S. Grace	S. Grace	SAME AS ABOVE	808
9/4	Mike Taylor	Mike Taylor	87-241 Maalaea St 96792	



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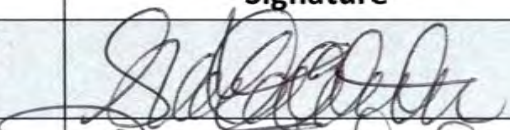
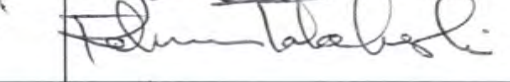

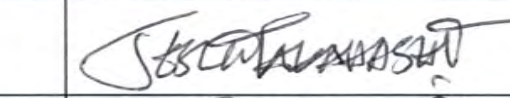


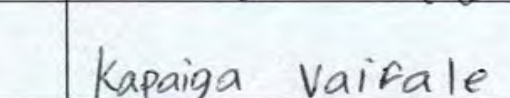
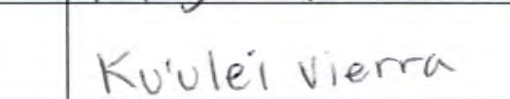
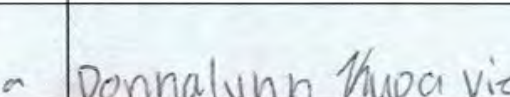
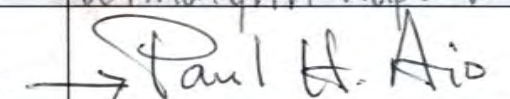
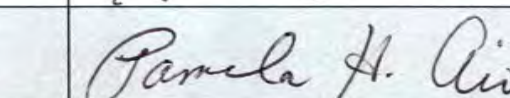
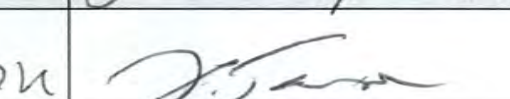
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9-5-23	ROBERT K MOLE	Robert K Mole	89316 KAUWAH. AVE	808 699 5106
8-5-23	Drew Duffey	Drew Duffey	89-470 Farrington	714 336 3815
9/5/23	Serena Baquiro	Serena Baquiro	89-335 MAND AVE	808-351-6663
9/5/23	Brian Baquiro	Brian Baquiro	89-335 MAND AVE	808-421-7921
9/5/23	Gwendolyn Donatiello	Gwendolyn Donatiello	89-335 MAND AVE	808 173-3368
9/5/23	Nick Rosa	Nick Rosa	89-335 MAND AVE	_____
	Allen Mathoe	Allen Mathoe	89-346 B MAND AVE	808-864-2848
9/5/23	Joyce M. Kolowena	Joyce M. Kolowena	89364 MAND AVE	808-7455481
9/5/23	Deborah Kain-Brown	Deborah Kain-Brown	89-357 MAND AVE	808 687-8002
9/5/23	Charity Medeiros	Charity Medeiros	89-357 MAND AVE	808 687-1002
9	Olivera Kupa	Olivera Kupa	89-345 MAND AVE	

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9/6/23	Patricia M.K. Takahashi		89-336 MANO AVE NANAKULI, HI 96792	808 479-8393
09/06/23	Peter Rabacal		89-326 MANO AVE Nanakuli 96792	808 628 8905
09-06/23	ESLIN TAKAHASHI		89-336 MANO AVE NANAKULI HI 96792	808 690-3512
09/06/23	Ethel Vierra		89-345 Mano Ave Nanakuli HI	808 548 1169
9/5/23	Donna Vierra		89-345 Mano Ave	808 501 7774
9/5/23	Kapaiga Vaifale		89-345 Mano Ave	
9/5/23	Kuulei Vierra		89-345 Mano Ave	808-721-2619
9/5/23	Donnalynn Kupa Vierra		89-345 Mano Ave	808-227-7554
9/5/23	Paul H. Aio		89-362 Lepoka Ave.	(206) 423-9317
9/5/23	Pamela H. Aio		89-362 Lepoka Ave.	
9/5/23	Ronnie Tamm		89-130 HAKALA	(808) 282-6959



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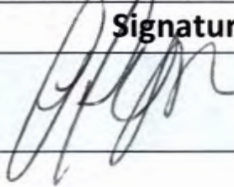
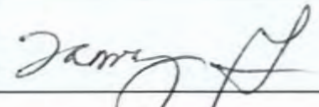
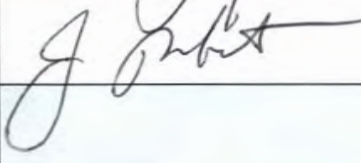
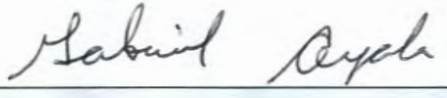


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9/4/2023	Pakalana Tripp		87-185 Maalooa St	808-726-7061
9/4/2023	Shane Diamond			
9/4/2023	Kaimana Diamond			
9/4/2023	Kanalu Diamond			
9/4/2023	Kanani Tuiloma		↓	↓
9/7/23	Ivanella Moore		87-181 Maalooa St	(808) 349 4597
9/7/23	Tammy Gilman		87-181 Maalooa St	(808) 253 9913
9/7	Josef DeFruitas		u	808 227 8234
9/7	Kelcie DeFruitas		u	808 227 6374
9/7	Gabriel Ayala-Diaz		u	
9/7	Bronson DeFruitas		u	
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9/9/2023	Jojo Dominguez		87-244 MIKANA ST	808 722-3042
9/9/2023	Nathan Domingo		87-244 MIKANA ST	808 368-6792
9/9/23	Violet Hooihuli	Violet Hooihuli	87-1980 Mohihi St	808-223-8986
9/8/23	Sonyia M. Miller	Sonyia M. Miller	87-1974 Mohihi St	808-675-6922
9/8/23	Forrest L. Miller	Forrest L. Miller	87-1974 Mohihi St.	808-306-9716
9/8/23	Jonathan Shumaker	Jonathan Shumaker	87-1980 Mohihi St	808-222-4014
9/8/23	Justin Lusan		87-1916 Mohihi St	808-436-8817
9/8/23	Paris N. Dunson		87-1920 MOHIHI ST	808 375-6308
	Sherri Jane Lufalemana	Sherri Jane Lufalemana	87-240 Maaloa ST.	808.489.3115
	Alfred Santiago		87-225 Maaloa	808 520-1293
9-8-23	Carin Kuni	Carin Kuni	87-224 W	


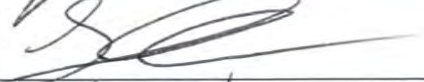

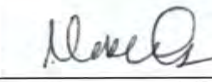
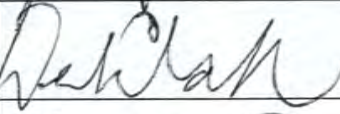

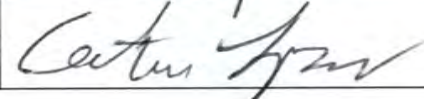


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	Lando Werner-Celes		87-216 Pualeilani St Waianae, HI 96792	808-830-7280
	Chloe Werner-Celes		87-216 Pualeilani St Waianae, HI 96792	808-830-7280
	Luise W Celes	Luise Celes	87-216 Pualeilani St Waianae HI 96792	808-381-6020
	Nel Weeles		87-216 Pualeilani St Waianae HI 96792	808-381-6020
	Raynard Pacheco	Raynard Pacheco	87-243 Wai-44 St	808 668 4620
	Christa K Evans	Anita K EVANS	87-235 MAHA LA ST	808 228-3910
	FERDINAND BALICAO	F BALICAO	87 230 MAHA LA	808 393-9145
	DELLAHI		87-220	
	Gordon Lopes		87-153 MIKANA ST	(808) 673-3844
	Kauran Lopes	Kauran Lopes	87-153 MIKANA ST	(808) 498-1640
	Austin Lopes		87-153 MIKANA ST	(808) 225-9854

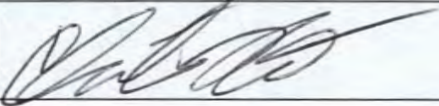

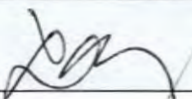
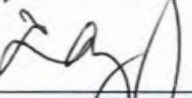
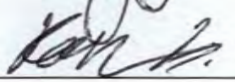
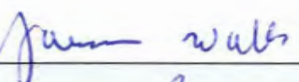
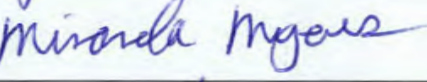
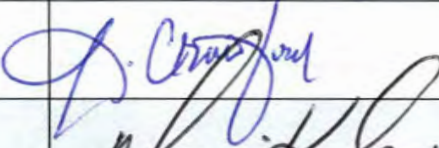
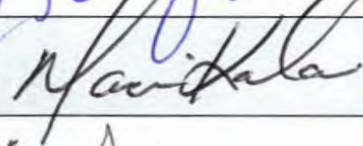
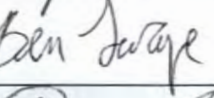
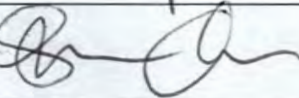
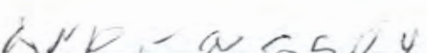


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9/8	Hoku Bith		11 11	11 11
	Letitia Alferez		87-244 Mikana St Waianae HI 96792	808 373 0384
	Letitia Alferez		87-201 Maaloa St Waianae, HI 96792	808 373 0384
	Rouven BePonte		87-165 Maaloa St Waianae HI 96792	808-729-2814
	Lawrence Waller		87-153 Mikana St	808-382-4089
	Miranda Myers		87-2204 Farmington Hwy Houses A	808-366-1137
	Ramona Crawford		87-153 Mikana St	808-861-0507
	MUANI KALA		89-444 MUKIANE ST Waianae HI 96792	(808) 386-6580
	Benjamin TARAPI		89-1025 Haleakala Ave	673-0177
	Shauna Char		87-2139 Heleluani Place Waianae, HI 96792 APT #1	808-312- 2565
	ANDREW SUTOS			



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September 12, 2023  
9:00 am

Honolulu City Council  
Committee on Budget

City Council Chamber

Re: BILL 39(2023): - RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Committee:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT BILL 39(2023), CD1: which establishes a real property tax exemption for residences within 1 mile of the PVT Landfill.

At the 2023 Legislature, the State House (HCR107) and State Senate (SCR57) both passed concurrent resolutions which support a real property tax exemption around an active landfill.

For years, residents who live around the PVT Landfill have testified that their health and the health of their families have been adversely affected by the PVT Landfill. Many have developed respiratory ailments and many have sadly died at a young age of cancer.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Health Statistics Neighborhood Life Expectancy Project, residents in the two census tracts next to the PVT Landfill, live 10 years less than the state average of 82 years, being the 2nd and 3rd lowest life expectancies in the entire state. This validates the personal testimonies residents have made over the years.

In support of Bill 39, we have gotten hundreds of signatures on a petition, mostly from residents who live within 1 mile of PVT. In discussions at their doors, many shared more tragic stories about the adverse affects PVT has had on their families. I have attached copies of the petitions.

Residents of Nanakuli have been victims of environmental injustice, They have had to live with the PVT Landfill since 1986. Bill 39 is a start to compensate residents for the years of injustice.

I urge the City Council to PASS BILL 39(2023), CD1. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Clyde T. Hayashi  
Mililani, Hawaii



August 8, 2023

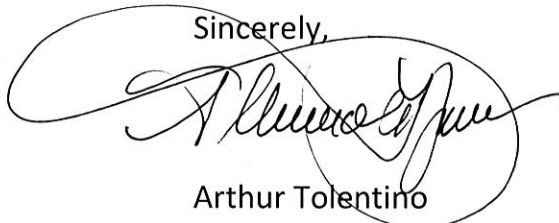
Honolulu City Council  
Chairman Waters  
530 S. King Street #202  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Bill 39, CD1  
Relating to Real Property Tax

Dear Chair Waters and Council members:

The Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 293 is in strong support for Bill 39, CD1 to establish a Real Property Tax Exemption for properties located near an active landfill.

Sincerely,



Arthur Tolentino  
Business Manager/F.S.T.





*Cade Watanabe, Financial Secretary-Treasurer*

*Gemma G. Weinstein, President*

*Eric W. Gill, Senior Vice-President*

September 11, 2023

City & County of Honolulu  
530 South King St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Radiant Cordero, Chair  
Matt Weyer, Vice Chair

**Re: BILL 39 (2023), CD1 – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.**

Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Weyer and Members of the Council,

UNITE HERE Local 5, representing hotel, health care and food service workers across the state, **is in support of Bill 39 CD1 (2023)**. We believe this measure recognizes environmental racism and the injustice residents of West Oahu are experiencing, and it is a start in rectifying the situation.

For nearly 40 years, residents of Nanakuli, including Local 5 members, have had to contend with the impacts of living near the PVT landfill. CDC data shows area residents have a life expectancy nearly 10 years lower than the state average. Everyone deserves to live in an environment free of potential health hazards, and to be able to breathe clean air. Government is obligated to right the wrongs of our past.

Real property tax exemption for residents living within a mile surrounding the PVT landfill is a start and will allow affected residents to have the means to better care for their health and safety. Any member of the council who believes Nanakuli area residents have not been negatively impacted by the landfill should ask themselves whether they would advocate to bring a landfill to their own backyard with no consideration or compensation.

We must take care of all of Hawaii's residents. We must protect our 'ohana. Real property tax exemption is not enough. More must be done.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

September 11, 2023

City Council Chair Mr. Tommy Waters  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Councilmember Andria Tupola  
Councilmember Radiant Cordero  
Councilmember Calvin Say  
Councilmember Val Okimoto

Councilmember Esther Kiaaina  
Councilmember Matt Weyer  
Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam  
Councilmember Augie Tulba

**RE: Bill 39 Relating to Real Property Taxation**

Aloha Council Chair Tommy Waters:

My name is Albert Shigemura, I am the president of PVT Land Company, Ltd. and I wish to express my strong opposition to Bill 39 Real Property Taxation introduced by Chair City Council Tommy Waters. I find it very disturbing that a Councilmember that has visited our facility would take such an opposing view of our facility. Please follow up with our company when you are done with this issue. This Bill appears to be directed towards a special interest group so that they may benefit from receiving the real property tax exemption. PVT has many long-time employees that have worked for many years managing the construction and demolition debris in a professional and safe manner. PVT employees maintain an excellent health employment record.

Bill 39 will benefit certain individuals who will own or are owners of multiple properties within this area. The map used in Bill 39 was merely copied from the 2010 Census and simply added landfills onto designated positions. All health-related statements were merely fabricated and have no merit or basis.

I support Councilmember Tupola in her effort to find fairness for everyone in her community. I urge you and other Councilmembers not to support Bill 39 real property tax exemption and do what is right for the City and County of Honolulu.

Mahalo,



Albert Shigemura, President  
PVT Land Company, Ltd.





**HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM**  
**A S S O C I A T I O N**

Testimony of  
Mufi Hannemann  
President & CEO  
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Committee on Budget  
Honolulu City Council  
**Bill 39 (2023)**  
September 12, 2023

Chair Cordero and members of the Committee, mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's oldest and largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers—**supports Bill 39 (2023)**.

The hospitality industry is a major economic driver on the Leeward coast of O'ahu. As such, many of our workers reside in the areas surrounding Ko Olina, Kapolei, Nanakuli, and Waianae. We have always believed in a community benefits package for residents who live in these areas. We understand that households that live near landfills typically have shorter life expectancies and face higher risk of respiratory illness and cancer. Bill 39 (2023) will financially help the families in these affected areas through a real property tax exemption. For this reason, we strongly support this measure. Our one request is that the committee consider keeping the area radius at 1 mile as proposed in the bill's CD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

**LOCAL UNION NO. 1186 • Affiliated with AFL-CIO**

1935 HAU STREET, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor • HONOLULU, HI 96819-5003  
TELEPHONE (808) 847-5341 • FAX (808) 847-2224

TO: CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU – COMMITTEE ON BUDGET,  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 9:00a.m., Council Chamber

RE: TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT OF BILL 39 CD1 (2023)**

Honorable Chair Radiant Cordero, Vice Chair Matt Weyer, and Members of the Committee:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186), is comprised of over 3,600 men and women working in electrical construction, telecommunications, Spectrum, civil service, and educator and faculty associations.

Landfills are often controversial, yet are considered an unfortunate necessity with how we live and work, especially in an island community. IBEW 1186 regularly supports construction projects that will put our members to work, and provide for their families. This inevitably comes with the need to have proper facilities to handle construction waste – that unfortunate necessity.

For years, we have supported initiatives to administer waste programs such as H-Power's construction and expansion, and alternative methods of energy production like biomass and waste-to-energy plants. We want to be part of the solution to our waste and energy needs, even if this includes evaluating better locations for landfills.

One thing has been clear in the process of searching for additional landfill locations is that “Nobody wants it In My Back Yard”. This is understandable with studies that argue health risks and property devaluation for those living near landfills. This opposition, however, does not change the fact that we need to continue to do better at managing our waste with the finite and limited space of our islands.

We solemnly recognize that our members, friends, and families of Nanakuli have had a landfill in-their-backyard for decades. BILL 39 CD1 does not proprot to have all the answers for our waste needs, but it does offer a small benefit, in the way of exempting property taxes, to the community that has taken in waste from every corner of Oahu.

Our State Legislature also recognized that the residents living near landfills are “disproportionately burdened”, and adopted a concurrent resolution (HCR 107HD1 2023) urging the City and County of Honolulu to offer these real property tax savings to the impacted communities.



We agree with the legislature's resolution and believe that offering these exemptions will be one benefit to a community that has endured a large sacrifice - benefitting us all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of BILL 39 CD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Damien T.K. Kim  
Business Manager/  
Financial Secretary



## The State Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Honolulu Hale, Budget Committee  
City Council Chambers  
530 South King Street, Room 115  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

### **RE: Bill 39: Letter Supporting Property Tax Exemption for Residents near a landfill**

To Budget Chair Cordero and Other Whom It May Concern:

Consistent with the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 57 of 2023:

“Urging the City & County of Honolulu to exempt from real property tax those property owners of residential units within a specified distance from an active municipal solid waste landfill or construction and demolition landfill or deemed to have been impacted by an active landfill to a degree that warrants such an exemption.” I submit this testimony in support of Bill 39.

The Wai‘anae Coast and its population of Hawaiians have always shown to occupy the most concerning categories of all population demographic statistics. They have the lowest health outcomes, the highest disease rates, a disproportionate mental health issues, lowest incomes, etc. Now, the scientific consensus affirms what the communities of West O‘ahu, especially Nānākuli, have been experiencing for decades, that landfills are an additional health hazard. No one should suffer the ill effects of landfills, so we need to decrease our reliance upon landfills and eventually stop using them altogether.

As we all endeavor to improve these abysmal statistics as soon as possible, there are some compensations we may wish to consider today with this bill. Hawai‘i recognized that “no one segment of the population or geographic area should be disproportionately burdened with environmental and/or health impacts resulting from. Many of those living in proximity of the operation of an active landfill are living paycheck to paycheck. A real property tax break will bring about meaningful change and opportunity for those residents to better care for their health and safety, including through purchasing and maintaining air filters in their houses.

The people of West O‘ahu, especially those living within a specified distance of the active operation of Oahu’s landfills, have borne the brunt of our island’s collective waste. Please consider providing some relief and compensation for those who have been sacrificing so much for so long. We have an opportunity to address the negative impacts and consequences.

Mahalo nui for your sincere consideration



Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
State Senate District 22  
(808) 586-7794



TO: Members of the Budget Committee

FROM: Natalie Iwasa, CPA, CFE  
808-395-3233

DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Bill 39 (2023), CD1 Real Property Landfill Exemption - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair Cordero and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Bill 39 (2023), CD1 and the proposed CD2. The bill and proposed CD2 would allow a real property tax exemption for certain properties within a certain distance from a landfill. (The CD2 clarifies that it would only apply to the PVT landfill.)

Exemptions cost us approximately \$180.4 million last fiscal year, and now you are considering adding more. This lost revenue has to be borne by someone, because every year the budget goes up, not down, and those taxpayers tend to be everyone except homeowners who are fortunate enough to live in their own homes.

You're going the wrong way – exemptions should be removed and reduced, not expanded.

In addition, it seems the real property tax “reform” that was mentioned several months ago was simply talk. While a resolution for a permitted interaction group has been introduced, it still has not been assigned a committee.

As a side note, we should be reducing the amount of construction material that is discarded. One way to do so would be to dig up only as much roadway as necessary when repairing or replacing pipes or utilities.

On Lunalilo Home Road, for example, when the Board of Water Supply replaced a major water pipe several years ago, they had to dig up about 4 to 5 feet of recently-paved roadway. Instead of limiting the amount of pavement removal to that width, however, they scraped off almost 8.5 feet with the additional amount removed to a depth of about 4 to 5 inches. When I asked about this, I was told it was done that way, because the minimum width of equipment the contractor had was about 8 feet. I was also told this larger equipment didn't add to the cost of the job, but it did add to the amount of construction material that had to go somewhere. (Note, I do not know whether any of it was recycled.)

# Bill 39 | Landfill Real Property Tax

Dear City Council,

CARES testifies wishing to comment.

## **Introduction**

The purpose of Bill 39 is to establish a real property tax exemption for certain real property located near an active landfill. Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility operated by PVT Land Company Ltd is the only construction and demolition debris landfill available for public use in the City. In the City's 2019 Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Update, it states that the amount of construction and demolition debris generated in the City has increased over the years, due in part to the impacts of the HART project.

The Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill is currently the City's only permitted public municipal solid waste landfill, with special permit use approved from State Land Use Commission. Oahu's municipal solid waste goes to WGS. City may use WGS until March 2, 2028. City must identify new trash site and close operations. Trash site is being identified & evaluated to contain construction debris & solid waste. New trash sites is critically important to real property tax exemption for residents in close proximity to the new facilities as to provide reasonable incentive for local homeowners.

It is critically important to match the definitions of the City & State policies. It is also critically important to review the regulations from the State law because the State provides the special permit to the City for operating the municipal trash site. Let's explore this matter further.

## **City Definition**



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

BILL 39 (2023), CD1

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE**

SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Article 10, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Exemptions"), is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

**"§ 8-10. Exemption—Residential real property impacted by a landfill.**

**(a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:**

**Landfill. A facility designated by the city solely for the disposal of construction and demolition waste.**

**"Landfill"** - A facility designated by the city solely for the disposal of construction and demolition waste.

## **State Definition**

**PART I. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§342H-1 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Complaint" means any written charge filed with or by the department that a person is violating any provision of this chapter or any rule or order adopted pursuant to this chapter.

"Department" means the department of health.

"Director" means the director of health.

"Disposal" means the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of any solid waste onto any land or water so that such solid waste, or any constituent thereof, may enter the environment, be emitted into the air, or discharged into any water, including ground waters.

"Incineration" means the treatment of solid waste by burning in a furnace designed for the purpose wherein solid waste is essentially reduced to ash, carbon dioxide, and water vapor.

"Inert fill material" means earth, soil, rocks, rock-like material such as cured asphalt, brick, and clean concrete less than eight inches in diameter, except as specified by a licensed soils engineer with no exposed steel reinforcing rod. The fill material shall not contain vegetation or organic material, or other solid waste.

"Open dump" means a disposal site that is operating in nonconformance with applicable standards, relevant permit conditions, rules, or this chapter.

"Party" means each person or agency named as party or properly entitled to be a party in any court or agency proceeding.

"Permit" means written authorization from the director to construct, modify, and operate any solid waste management system or any component of any solid waste management system. A permit authorizes the grantee to construct, modify, and operate any solid waste management system in a manner or amount, not forbidden by this chapter, or by rules adopted pursuant to this chapter but requiring review by the department.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, association, public or private corporation, federal agency, the State or any of its political subdivisions, trust, estate, or any other legal entity.

"Petroleum" means any petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof, that is liquid at standard temperature and pressure (60 degrees Fahrenheit and 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute).

"Petroleum-contaminated soil" means soil that has been contaminated by a release of petroleum to a degree that exceeds levels determined to be acceptable by the director.

"Pollution" means solid waste pollution.

"Recycling" means the collection, separation, recovery, and sale or reuse of secondary resources that would otherwise be disposed of as municipal solid waste, and is an integral part of a manufacturing process aimed at producing a marketable product made of postconsumer material.

"Sanitary landfill" means a land site on which engineering principles are utilized to bury deposits of solid waste without creating a nuisance or hazard to public health or safety.

The Hawaii State Law defines "sanitary landfills" in HRS 342 H-1. This chapter is the Solid Waste Pollution Chapter in Title 19 of the Health section. This Title 19 talks about DOH, medical research, medical facilities, smoking, poison, marijuana, E waste, hazardous waste and solid waste pollution.

### **HRS 342 H 1 - Definitions:**

**"Sanitary landfill"** means a land site on which engineering principles are utilized to bury deposits of solid waste without creating a nuisance or hazard to public health or safety.

**"Solid waste"** means garbage, refuse, and other discarded materials, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous materials resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, sludge from waste treatment plants and water supply



treatment plants, and residues from air pollution control facilities and community activities, but does not include solid or dissolved materials in domestic sewage or other substances in water sources such as silt, dissolved or suspended solids in industrial waste water effluents, dissolved materials in irrigation return flows, or other common water pollutants, or source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the federal Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (68 Stat. 923).

**"Solid waste management system"** means a system for the storage, processing, treatment, transfer, or disposal of solid waste.

**"Waste"** means sewage, industrial and agricultural matter, and all other liquid, gaseous, or solid substance, including radioactive substance, whether treated or not, which may pollute or tend to pollute the atmosphere, lands or waters of this State.

HRS 342H -51 Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Criteria describes the city's landfill criterias. The City must get a special permit from the State Land Use Commission to operate the landfill.

**HRS 342H-51 "Municipal solid waste landfill unit"** means a discrete area of land or an excavation that receives household waste and is not a land application unit, surface impoundment, injection well, or waste pile. A municipal solid waste landfill unit also may receive other types of waste regulated under [Subtitle D of RCRA](#) (EPA), such as commercial solid waste, nonhazardous sludge, small quantity generator waste and industrial solid waste. Such a landfill may be publicly or privately owned. A municipal solid waste landfill unit may be a new municipal solid waste landfill unit, an existing municipal solid waste landfill unit, or a lateral expansion.

## **RCRA**

Subtitle D of RCRA is managed from the EPA. RCRA stands for "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act". RCRA establishes the framework for a national system of solid waste control. Subtitle D of the Act is dedicated to non-hazardous solid waste requirements, and Subtitle C focuses on hazardous solid waste. Solid waste includes solids, liquids and gasses and must be discarded to be considered waste.

# 2019 Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

## Update

### DPP

**Table 1-1. Honolulu County Resident and De Facto Population**

Year	Resident Population <sup>a</sup>	De Facto Population <sup>b</sup>
2015	976,200	1,033,251
2020	1,003,700	1,051,585
2025	1,029,400	1,071,733
2030	1,052,100	1,094,827
2035	1,071,200	1,114,250
2040	1,086,700	1,130,040
Annual Growth Rate	0.4%	0.4%

Notes:

<sup>a</sup>DBEDT. 2012. "Population and Economic Projections for the State of Hawaii to 2040." <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/economic/economic-forecast/2040-long-range-forecast/>.

<sup>b</sup>City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services. 2017. *Assessment of Municipal Solid Waste Handling Requirements for the Island of O'ahu*. November. [http://www.opala.org/solid\\_waste/pdfs/WGSL%20Assessment%202017.pdf](http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/pdfs/WGSL%20Assessment%202017.pdf).

% = percent

Figure 1-1 shows the development plan areas that the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) uses when it collects and analyzes demographic data.<sup>2</sup> The DPP projects change in each of the development plan areas; the projections shown in Table 1-2 indicate that, during the planning period, the resident population is expected to continue to be concentrated on the southern half of the island, with the highest growth rate expected in Ewa.

Although the DPP does not provide the de facto population by development plan area, it does project growth in visitor accommodation units. The projections suggest that visitor accommodations will continue to be concentrated in the Primary Urban Center, in addition to significant resident population growth in Ewa.<sup>3</sup> The Ewa plan area is therefore likely to experience stronger growth in waste and recyclable quantities than other parts of the island.

<sup>1</sup> DBEDT. 2012. "Population and Economic Projections for the State of Hawaii to 2040." <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/economic/economic-forecast/2040-long-range-forecast/>.

<sup>2</sup> City and County of Honolulu, DPP. 2017. *Development Plan Areas*. <http://www.honolulu.gov/Portals/0/pdfs/planning/demographics2/Maps/DPA-DPSAmap.pdf>. <http://www.honolulu.gov/Planning/ResearchStatistics.aspx>.

<sup>3</sup> City and County of Honolulu, DPP. 2016. *Annual Report on the Status of Land Use on Oahu, Fiscal Year 2014*. <http://www.honolulu.gov/Portals/0/pdfs/planning/dpar2/DPAR2014.pdf>.

On page 20 & 21 of the 2019 Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan, "DPP projects change in each of the development plan areas; the projections shown in Table 1-2 indicate that, during the planning period, the resident population is expected to continue to be concentrated on the southern half of the island, with the highest growth rate expected in Ewa.

There will be significant resident population growth in Ewa. The Ewa plan area is therefore likely to experience stronger growth in waste and recyclable quantities.”

## **Conclusion**

The City & State definitions of landfills don't match. And according to the data from the City's 2019 Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Update, DPP has data about development plans. During the planning period, the resident population is expected to continue to be concentrated on the southern half of the island, with the highest growth rate expected in Ewa. The Ewa plan area is therefore likely to experience stronger growth in waste & recyclable quantities than other districts.

There are a lot of variables in this subject matter. One must get all the facts before proceeding. For a truly “integrated plan”, there must be more coordination & collaboration with the State.

Sincerely,

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