



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 24-213

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE AND MANAGE
RECYCLING RECEPTACLES IN CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency ("CCSR") was established in 2016 by the residents of the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the CCSR created a Climate Action Plan 2020-2025, which called for a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 45 percent and achieving carbon neutrality by 2045; and

WHEREAS, the production of single use plastics emits hundreds of millions of tons of greenhouse gases each year; and

WHEREAS, landfills, where non-recycled plastics are sent, account for more than 17 percent of methane emissions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") maintains over 402 park locations throughout the City, including 62 beach parks; five botanical gardens; two nature preserves; seven pedestrian malls; 21 pools; and 162 playgrounds, swings, and fitness stations; and

WHEREAS, the DPR manages nearly 12,000 requests for park use permits and 9,000 requests for camping permits yearly, and such usage leads to the generation of significant amounts of recyclable waste; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Services has established an island-wide program for the curbside collection of recyclable material but no comparable program exists for collecting recyclable materials from City parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City provides refuse carts for the collection of recyclable material; and

WHEREAS, the City presently collects glass containers, newspapers, plastic containers, and green waste from the refuse carts, and expects to further collect food waste and manufactured compostable materials by April 1, 2025; and



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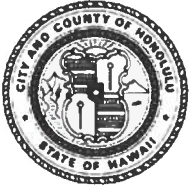
WHEREAS, the total number of general material recycled is approximately 26 percent of the total waste collected (approximately 550,000 tons per year), which is successfully diverted from H-POWER and landfill processing waste streams; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Youth Commission ("HYC"), through HYC Resolution 24-007, finds that the provision of recycling receptacles at City parks and recreational facilities would encourage the recycling of single use plastic bottles and reduce the amount of plastics in our landfills; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees and finds that the collection of recyclable material from City parks and recreational facilities and their removal from the solid waste stream will further assist the City in reducing the total amount of solid waste collected from City parks and recreational facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is requested to provide and manage recycling receptacles at all parks and recreational facilities managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is requested to provide a written update on its efforts to respond to this request within six months after the adoption of this resolution; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of the Department of Environmental Services, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Honolulu Youth Commission.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tang Walter B.R.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

AUG 21 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:

Recycling; Recycling Receptacles; Honolulu Youth Commission; Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"); Department of Environmental Services ("ENV")

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