

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

No. 25-3, CD1

RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING THE CITY POLICY, AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION 03-09, FD1, ADOPTED ON APRIL 16, 2003, THAT MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS SHOULD NOT BE LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO THE CITY'S UNDERGROUND DRINKING WATER SOURCES.

WHEREAS, in 2003, the City Council ("Council") adopted Resolution 03-09, FD1, which established a policy for the City and County of Honolulu ("City") that municipal solid waste landfills should not be located anywhere in proximity of the Hawai'i State Department of Health's Underground Injection Control line, within the City Board of Water Supply's groundwater protection zone, or over any underground drinking water sources; and

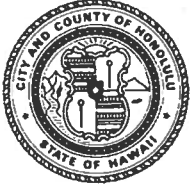
WHEREAS, at the time, the Council was concerned that no landfill technology could guarantee that hazardous or harmful substances from a municipal solid waste landfill placed over the City's aquifer would not, over the long term, enter the City's underground drinking water sources and create a risk to the public health and welfare of the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, while there have been technological advances in landfill safety since 2003, the concerns expressed then remain largely relevant today, as even the best modern liner and leachate collection systems still naturally deteriorate over time; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, which prohibits locating a waste disposal facility in a conservation district, and within 0.5 mile of residences, schools, and hospitals, thereby limiting the areas on O'ahu in which a landfill could be sited; and

WHEREAS, the catastrophic Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility leak in 2021 demonstrated the potential for contaminating the island's drinking water aquifer system and highlighted the importance of preventing foreseeable similar events in the future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it reaffirms the City policy, as set forth in Resolution 03-09, FD1, adopted on April 16, 2003, that municipal solid waste landfills should not be located in proximity to any of the City's underground drinking water sources; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council strongly opposes any landfill being established in proximity to any of the City's underground drinking water sources and reaffirms its commitment to protecting, preserving, and safeguarding Hawai'i's life-giving resources for its citizens and future generations to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its intent to take any measures that it deems appropriate to oppose and prevent a landfill from being established in proximity to any of the City's underground drinking water sources; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply, the Director of the Department of Environmental Services, and the Hawai'i State Director of Health.

INTRODUCED BY:

Matt Weyer

Radiant Cordero

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 2, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 01/02/25 By: MATT WEYER
RADIANT CORDERO Committee: HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY,
ECONOMY & HEALTH (HSEH)

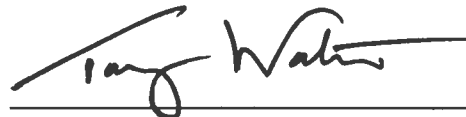
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

01/02/25	INTRO	Introduced.
01/14/25	HSEH	Reported out for adoption as amended in CD1 form.
		CR-7
		5 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER
01/29/25	CCL	Committee report and Resolution as amended were adopted.
		9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this
RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER