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April 21, 2026

The Honorable Val Okimoto, Chair
and Members
Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Suite 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Okimoto and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Bill 23 (2026), CD1
Executive Capital Budget and Program for Fiscal Year 2027

The administration respectfully requests an amendment to Bill 23 (2026), CD1 to include funding for the O'ahu Sanitary Landfill under the Department of Environmental Services ("ENV") to meet applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill ("WGSL"), the City and County of Honolulu's existing landfill, is projected to exhaust physical capacity by 2031 and, more importantly, pursuant to a Decision and Order issued by the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission on November 1, 2019, WGSL is precluded from accepting any form of waste as of March 2, 2028. Based on the preceding, ENV has determined that a new landfill is needed to dispose of solid waste for which there is no other feasible recycling or disposal alternative.

Landfill capacity is essential to dispose of waste in order to protect public health and safety, including unanticipated inclement weather events such as the recent Kona Low storms which resulted in an estimated 5,816 tons of debris.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (808) 768-3901.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Kawano
Director

Attachment

APPROVED:

Michael D. Formby, Managing Director
Office of the Managing Director

EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BILL 23 (2026), CD1

FUNCTION	Sanitation
PROGRAM	Waste Collection and Disposal
DEPARTMENT:	Environmental Services
PROJECT NUMBER:	2010046
PROJECT TITLE:	Oahu Sanitary Landfill

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DATE: 4/21/2026
COUNCILMEMBER:
STAFF & PHONE EXT:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AMENDMENT (Use if adding new language): Use Ramseyer formatting to show description amendments
Acquire land, plan, and design landfill improvements, provided that no funds shall be used to acquire land, plan, and design a landfill facility or landfill improvements above a significant aquifer.

EXISTING PROJECT AMOUNT				AMENDMENT				PROPOSED NEW TOTAL			
AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE
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