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Re: RES26-007 – ESTABLISHING AN END LANDFILLS TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY, COSTS, AND IMPLEMENTATION PATHWAYS FOR ELIMINATING LANDFILL DEPENDENCY IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Aloha Chair Tommy Waters, Vice Chair Andria Tupola, and members of the council. On behalf of the Board, I respectfully testify in **support** of RES26-007, which establishes the End Landfills Task Force to evaluate the feasibility, costs, risks, and implementation pathways for eliminating landfill dependency in the City and County of Honolulu. The Board voted to support this resolution at its special meeting on February 19, 2026.

The Board has repeatedly recognized the serious harms of landfilling and the urgent need to prioritize waste diversion. In December 2023 we adopted a resolution supporting host compensation packages for neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by active landfill and waste-to-energy facilities, noting the burdens borne by Kapolei, Makakilo, Honokai Hale, Ko Olina, and Nānākuli. On January 9, 2025, the Board urged the Department of Environmental Services to develop host compensation packages for affected neighborhoods and work with a local company on landfill waste diversion. On February 26, 2025, we adopted a resolution supporting broader efforts to divert waste from landfills, including recycling strategies that produce fuel and construction materials. Most recently, on April 26, 2026, the Board passed a resolution calling on the Mayor to honor his commitment of no new landfills in West O‘ahu and expressing the community’s longstanding concerns about ongoing landfilling operations at WGSL and their disproportionate impacts on West O‘ahu.

For these reasons, the Board supports RES26-007 and encourages the council to advance the End Landfills Task Force so the City can develop clear, equitable, and actionable pathways to eliminate reliance on landfills while addressing community impacts and ensuring a just transition for affected neighborhoods.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Me ke aloha,

Anthony Makana Paris
Chair