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Testimony

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*ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (EES)

***ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (EES) Meeting**

Meeting Date: Aug 25, 2026 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 4

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Strong support.

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Aloha Councilmembers,

We need to urgently incorporate more sustainability practices into all functions of city operations. This resolution is a commonsense way to further that objective. I urge this committee to SUPPORT passage of this resolution!

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Aloha members of the Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Committee,

My name is Arabella, a junior at Farrington High School in District 7. I am in strong support of this resolution because it is advocating for our youth's future. If we do not act upon this resolution now, then it will be something that future leaders, current youth, will have to inherit. If we continue to follow traditional practices, then the situation will become harder to reverse. Let's act now. Let's reduce our use of nonrenewable resources and favor sustainable practices.

Let us use this resolution to think about the future. I strongly urge you to support this resolution to protect the present, and the future of our youth. Mahalo.

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Aloha Chair Weyer, Vice Chair Dos-Santos Tam, and members of this committee,

My name is Domineque Bonifacio, former Commissioner and Vice Chair of the Honolulu Youth Commission (HYC), and I am testifying today in Strong SUPPORT of Resolution 26-189.

This resolution was inspired from HYC Resolution 26-009 which was written and co-authored by fellow Commissioner Kalena Cooke Shea and I, was passed by the commission on May 19th of this year. We worked well over a year gathering research, meeting with directors, and learning more about the use of ash and the function of H-POWER. In the end we came up with this resolution.

This resolution aims to tackle the ongoing landfill crises which we have on our hands. Although it may not entirely get rid of our waste and need for a landfill, we can very well reuse and repurpose materials currently in our landfill now and in the future. We believe that this could be a great first step in heading in the direction of not needing to be reliant on landfills for our future generations. This will allow us to produce material that we could use on our roads and infrastructure. We know that this can allow us to take a step in a direction that will allow landfill space for the time being to be used for other waste instead, while we figure out other avenues of what to do about a landfill on O'ahu. This is an issue that greatly impacts all of our communities and may well be necessary if we are to find a solution that benefits young people of today and tomorrow.

With that said, I would like to mahalo Councilmember Tulba for introducing our resolution on his behalf, and I once again, stand in Strong SUPPORT of Resolution 26-189.

Mahalo all for your work and opportunity to testify,

Domineque E.P. Bonifacio
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