



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Founded 1959 Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Aloha,

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has advocated the voices of the Native Hawaiian community since Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole founded the organization's movement in 1918. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs recently held its 56th Annual Convention at Lahaina, Maui to deliberate on issues that affect the Native Hawaiian community.

Comprised of 69 clubs stretched across Hawai'i and the United States, convention delegates convene to consider and debate resolutions that address impacts to or concerns regarding the Native Hawaiian community like education, natural and cultural resource management, economic development, and government consultation. This year, delegates voted to adopt 55 of these resolutions.

Enclosed you will find a resolution, or series of multiple resolutions that were adopted with the recommendation to notify you. We ask that you consider our support for our community and our people.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us:

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***ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN
CIVIC CLUBS***

A RESOLUTION

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**URGING HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE, THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SOLID WASTE SECTION AND THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A BASELINE MEASUREMENT OF
FOOD WASTE IN THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I ENCOMPASSING ALL STATE-FUNDED
INSTITUTIONS**

WHEREAS, food waste is the second largest component in our waste stream and accounts for 25% of all materials sent to our landfills, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); and

WHEREAS, food disposed in our landfills rots and contribute to producing methane gas - a potent greenhouse gas (GHG) with 21 percent times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, Oahu’s only municipal landfill at Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill continues to reduce in available space as our island population increases, forcing the Mayor of Honolulu and City and County of Honolulu (the City) to aggressively seek alternative landfill sites to support this critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City estimates the Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill will reach full capacity within the next 15 years; and

WHEREAS, recycling food waste and turning it into compost has high environmental benefits such as improving soil health, increasing drought resistance and reducing the need for supplemental water, fertilizers and pesticides; and

WHEREAS, food waste can also be turned into renewable energy and a soil amendment through anaerobic digestion; and

WHEREAS, mālama ‘āina and aloha ‘āina are and continue to be the kahua, or foundation, of cultural resource management for our Hawaiian people, and our ties to ‘āina run deep in not only sustaining life, but connection to our identity; and

WHEREAS effectively reducing GHG emission in Hawai‘i through food waste diversion will move Hawai‘i towards our Aloha+ Challenge commitment of 70% waste stream reduction by 2030; and

WHEREAS, more efforts to feed Hawaii's hungry versus our landfills and incinerators can help address the one in seven households in the State of Hawai'i that are food insecure, and donating safe and healthy food to a food bank or food rescue organization can both reduce food sent to landfills and feed those in need; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 President Clinton and Congress signed into law the "Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act" that protects businesses, organizations, and individuals that donate food in good faith from legal liability that might arise from their donations; and

WHEREAS, all 50 States have "Good Samaritan" laws that provide extra protection to donors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 56TH annual convention at Lahaina, Maui this 14th day of November 2015, that it urges the Hawai'i State Legislature, the State of Hawai'i Department of Health Solid Waste Section and The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services to convene a task force to establish a baseline measurement of food waste in the State of Hawai'i encompassing all State-funded institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Hawai'i Department of Health Solid Waste Section and The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services is requested to form the task force with the representatives from the following entities:

- (a) State of Hawai'i Department of Health Solid Waste Section,
- (b) The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services,
- (c) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Southwest Region Nine,
- (d) University of Hawai'i at Mānoa,
- (e) University of Hawai'i System-wide Sustainability Coordinator
- (f) Kapi'olani Community College,
- (g) Hawai'i Pacific University,
- (h) Kupu Hawai'i,
- (i) Aloha Harvest,
- (j) Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs,
- (k) Other sectors of the community, as determined by the State of Hawai'i Department of Health Solid Waste Section Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force, through the State of Hawai'i Department of Health Solid Waste Section, is requested to submit its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Director State of Hawai'i Department of Health Solid Waste Section, Director for the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Southwest Region representative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of Hawai'i system, the President of Hawai'i Pacific University, CEO of Kupu Hawai'i, and Executive Director of Aloha Harvest.



The undersigned hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 14th day of November 2015, at the 56th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Lahaina, Maui.

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