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## RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THAT THE CITY CREATE AND FUND A SOLID WASTE TECHNOLOGY LIAISON POSITION IN THE EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013.

WHEREAS, the runoff of medical waste on to Leeward coast beaches earlier this year and the subsequent orders issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency highlight that a crisis exists with respect to the City's only municipal solid waste landfill; and

WHEREAS, the State Land Use Commission has ordered that except for ash and residue from the H-Power plant, the City's landfill at Waimanalo Gulch is to be closed to municipal solid waste by July 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, to comply with the Commission's order, the City has begun the lengthy process of selecting a site for a new municipal landfill on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, in light of the waste runoff earlier this year and the impending landfill closure, there is a valid and pressing need for the City to utilize alternative technologies, such as recycling, plasma arc and incineration facilities, to dispose of the City's municipal solid waste and also produce usable products; and

WHEREAS, it may take a substantial amount of time to permit, approve and build new solid waste disposal and recycling facilities; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a solid waste technology liaison could facilitate the implementation of new solid waste disposal and recycling facilities and expedite the permitting and approval processes at the city level; and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of a solid waste technology liaison would generally include, but not necessarily be limited to, identifying ways to fast track city permitting and approval processes including vendor solicitation and selection, land use, zoning and building permits and other approvals which may be required for the establishment of new incinerator, plasma arc or other municipal solid waste disposal and recycling facilities that also produce useful products; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Mayor is requested to create and fund a solid waste technology liaison at a salary of \_\_\_\_\_ per year in the Executive Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 to expedite the implementation of new solid waste disposal and recycling technologies including those that can produce useful products; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Environmental Services, the State Land Use Commission, and the State Department of Health.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers