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Waste Reduction Hui (Wild Kids and Surfrider Oahu)

Static Content:**Charter Amendment Proposal Form**

1. Please provide a brief description of: The Proposed Charter amendment, the purpose of the proposed Charter amendment, the issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal, and how the proposal would address the issue or problem.:

This Proposed Charter amendment will shift the Department of Environmental Services waste management practices

from focusing exclusively on downstream (or end-of-life) disposal methods (such as landfill and incineration) to also include waste reduction and prevention practices. The amendment would also expand the city's recycling services to include composting. The amendment asks that Honolulu observes the following hierarchy: 1. Reduce waste, 2. Reuse Materials 3. Recycle Waste. This amendment recommends that the city landfill or incinerate materials only after acting within the hierarchy accordingly. Currently the City is only focusing on the "tip of the waste iceberg", handling materials only after they have reached the end of their use.

As described in our presentation to the Charter Commission on October 28, 2015, waste reduction would decrease the upstream impacts (there are 70 tons of waste upstream for every 1 tone of MSW we dispose of) of waste. These impacts include climate change, natural resource depletion, social injustices, and human and environmental health hazards. It would allow Honolulu to take control of our waste stream, instead of remaining beholden to all disposable items the market produces. This would lead to a reduced need spend our limited financial and spatial resources on waste disposal. The EPA provides a detailed vision of this type of waste management system, known as "Sustainable Materials Management", which can be reviewed here: <http://www3.epa.gov/epawaste/inforesources/pubs/vision.pdf>.

Hundreds of communities international have adopted this type of sustainable waste framework. The EPA has a thorough database of waste reduction policies, programs, and actions that the City can take to implement to reduce waste generated and disposed. For example, this database includes policies that work with manufactures to alter the lifecycle of their products, zero-waste resolutions, and Pay as You Throw (PATY) programs. These programs can be reviewed here: <http://www2.epa.gov/managing-and-transforming-waste-streams-tool-communities/managing-and-transforming-waste-streams-0>. The Eugene Memo can also be reviewed, which details the municipalities roles in creating sustainable consumption/waste systems: <http://scorai.org/wp-content/uploads/wordpress/Eugene-Memo-Cities-Sust-Consumption-FINAL.pdf>

Included in the proposed text are two version of proposed changes. Version A is the most preferred, Version B is the least preferred.

2. If applicable, list the Charter provision(s) affected by the proposal:

6-803

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or laws of another jurisdiction (e.g., another county, city, or municipality), name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of each provision or law.:

Portland's City Charter contains language about waste reduction, which can be found here: http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/?c=28889#cid_408007 .

Below is a relevant excerpt from Portland's Charter Language.

"17.102.010 Declaration of Policy.

It is the policy of the City of Portland to reduce the amount of solid waste, both generated and disposed of, by promoting aggressive waste prevention and recycling activities. The City shall promote the development of environmentally and economically sound practices regarding the collection, processing and end use of solid waste, recyclable material and compostable material. In order to attain these goals and protect public health and the environment, the City shall regulate collection of solid waste, recyclable and compostable materials within the City. In carrying out this policy, the goals of this Chapter are:

A. To promote sustainability of the system of solid waste and recycling collection, by seeking to maximize efficiency, equity and economic vitality, improve worker safety and reduce environmental and human health impacts over the entire life cycle of the materials. "

Relevant Provision:

N/A

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy of each with a citation to its source.:

City Charter Update_6-803_Waste Reduction Hui.pdf
(http://honoluluchartercommission.org/images/jsnuniform/jsnuniform_uploads/2/201510301935th28_3902122430611_city_charter_update_6-803_waste_reduction_hui.pdf)

5. Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see instructions below):

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