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LUC Chairperson Dan Giovanni and Members,

Subject: SP09-403 Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu
(Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill) (O'ahu)

I **SUPPORT** SP09-403 Department of Environmental Services (ENVS), City and County of Honolulu, (Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill, Oahu) (WGSL) which will grant the ENVS extension to select a new landfill site.

Previously, Mayor Peter Carlisle's Blue-Ribbon Panel had selected the old Ameron Site in Kailua, Oahu as the next landfill site. Mayor Kirk Caldwell also opposed to select a new site and requested to extend the use of WGSL to 2038. Currently, Mayor Rick Blangiardi has also committed to no more landfills on the west side.

ENVS needs more time to come up with a comprehensive plan.

I have asked the Director of the State Office of Planning to conduct a comprehensive analysis of a state-of-the-art Waste-To-Energy solution that would reduce the need for landfills on all major islands. I have been meeting with potential developers for a Waste-To-Energy solution and I believe we need more time.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in SUPPORT of ENVS's request for an extension

Sincerely,

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