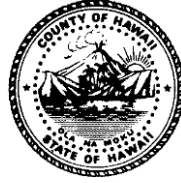


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Zendo Kern, Director
Planning Department

FROM: _____, Chair
Environmental Management Commission

DATE: January 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft of the General Plan for the County of Hawai'i

The Environmental Management Commission, by approval of a motion on _____, 2024, provides the following comments to the Draft General Plan:

- Repeal excerpt of Section 4.3: “[~~The County Department of Environmental Management (DEM), The WHSL has an estimated lifespan of 100 years with current recycling rates, as determined by the County in 2019. Higher rates of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling in the community may extend life expectancy beyond 100 years.~~]”
 - Reason: The lifespan of the West Hawaii Sanitary Landfill cannot be estimated with any reasonable certainty, but all indications are it will be much less than 100 years at current landfilling rates. This edit also removes a sentence fragment.
- Insert new Priority Action 24.i: “Conduct geological and hydrological surveys to ensure that nearshore waters will be protected from wastewater pollution from future injection wells.”
 - Reason: Injection wells may be a source of nearshore pollution. This action may maintain County compliance with federal and state environmental requirements.

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