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MESSAGE FROM U.S. SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA


My warmest aloha and congratulations to the crew at H-Power on achieving an industry milestone, the processing of eight million tons of Oahu's municipal solid waste to energy.

It is also with great pleasure that I extend my aloha to Mayor Jeremy Harris, members of our Honolulu City Council and the officials of Covanta Energy Corporation, the company that has made H-Power and waste-to-energy possible on Oahu.

H-Power's significance is in the solutions it has provided our island community, primarily the disposal of millions of tons of municipal waste; conservation of precious acres of landfill; the savings of millions of barrels of imported oil and the production of electricity. Indeed, over these twelve years, the waste-to-energy process has reduced our municipal waste that would have gone to our landfill by 90 percent – an amount that would have otherwise required an additional 500 acres of landfill area. H-Power has also proven to be an important part of Oahu's comprehensive energy strategy in producing a steady and reliable 5 percent of Oahu's electrical power. As an island state, energy security is important for all of us, and H-Power has provided a dependable and sustainable energy solution from our municipal waste problems.

As you recognize and celebrate H-Power's industry milestone, I offer my best wishes on this occasion and for the future of waste-to-energy in Hawaii.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA
U.S. Senator