

# 7 OTHER ENTIRE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS

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The entire Committee spent considerable time and effort in its deliberations discussing the following issues.

## 7.1 Landfill Costs

The Committee noted that while landfill associated costs were a very important issue, and should be given significant attention in the siting process, the Committee focused on community related criteria. The Committee also noted that host community impacts were important. They recognized that the siting and EIS processes both involve a cost/benefit analysis. However, these processes do not always apply the same importance and depth of consideration to host community impacts.

After reviewing the Siting Criteria, the Committee noted that the economic costs had been weighted low compared to other factors. While the committee eventually agreed not to make any changes to the weighting factors, the Committee agreed that costs are a very significant factor and have a larger impact on the taxpayer. The Committee considered these issues in the brainstorming deliberations on the strengths and weaknesses of each site.

## 7.2 Alternative Technologies

The Committee strongly feels that the City Administration must pursue all viable alternative technologies, existing technologies, and landfill reduction strategies as expeditiously as possible to reduce the volume of material requiring landfill disposal. The Committee adds that as alternative technologies are identified and brought on-line, some of the factors that were considered key in the current landfill siting process might change. These factors included the anticipated annual volume of waste generated and its relationship to the amount of landfill space that will be needed in the future. The Committee urges the City Administration to regularly and diligently examine the need for municipal sanitary landfills in this light and to identify viable sites to preserve for future use.

## 7.3 Multiple Sites

Although the Committee's focus was on locating a single municipal solid waste landfill site, it is noted that advances in technology and reductions in the waste stream could have the potential for making smaller landfill sites economically viable. This could allow for the development of more than one site to handle the municipal waste disposal needs of the many communities on Oahu.