
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND UNITED STATES
MILITARY TO COORDINATE AND ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL
DUMPING WITHIN WAIPAHU AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OF
EWA, PEARL CITY, AND AIEA ON OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, illegal dumping poses significant environmental
2 risks to communities, and proactive measures must be taken to
3 safeguard public health and preserve the State's natural
4 resources; and

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6 WHEREAS, illegal dumping has long plagued Waipahu, Oahu,
7 particularly the area along the West Loch bike path from Waipahu
8 to Aiea, where shopping carts clutter drainage ditches; and

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10 WHEREAS, Carroll Cox of EnviroWatch compared this eyesore
11 to the aftermath of a bomb, emphasizing the pressing need for
12 action against multiple illegal dump sites identified in
13 Waipahu; and

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15 WHEREAS, illegal dumping is visible to Waipahu Elementary
16 School, Waipahu High School, and other educational centers,
17 posing a threat to the health and well-being of students, and
18 immediate action is imperative to mitigate these risks and
19 ensure a safe learning environment for all; and

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21 WHEREAS, waste disposal in Waipahu and surrounding
22 communities threatens public health, contaminating soil, water
23 sources, and roads, and urgent action is necessary to mitigate
24 risks, protect the environment, and ensure the well-being of
25 residents and visitors alike; and

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27 WHEREAS, illegal dumping has created a hazardous
28 environment impacting Waipahu's and surrounding communities'
29 natural habitats and residents, and immediate interventions are



1 essential to mitigate harm, restore ecosystems, and safeguard
2 the health and well-being of the community; and
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4 WHEREAS, illegal dumping has diminished community pride in
5 cleanliness in Waipahu and surrounding communities, and
6 fostering awareness, education, and community involvement is
7 crucial to promote responsible waste management practices and
8 restore a sense of pride in maintaining a clean environment for
9 all residents; and
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11 WHEREAS, illegal dumping in Waipahu and surrounding
12 communities creates eyesores, health hazards, and sets a poor
13 example for future generations, and it is imperative to address
14 this issue through education, enforcement, and community
15 involvement to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for
16 all; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the State, City and
21 County of Honolulu, and United States military are urged to
22 coordinate and address the issue of illegal dumping within
23 Waipahu, Oahu, and the surrounding communities of Ewa, Pearl
24 City, and Aiea; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this measure is intended to
27 bring awareness to the need for change to man-made, polluted
28 areas within Waipahu and surrounding communities; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of Joint
32 Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Governor, Director of Transportation,
33 Director of Health, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
34 and Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the
35 City and County of Honolulu.

