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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE CLEAN UP AND INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING AND  
ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT LAUMAILE STREET IN KALIHI AND THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO PREVENT  
ILLEGAL DUMPING AND ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE AREA.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that illegal dumping of  
2 trash, including bicycle and automobile parts and household  
3 appliances, on Laumaile Street, in Kalihi, Oahu, and in or  
4 around nearby area streams, have been an ongoing concern that  
5 has frustrated Kalihi area residents for several years; and  
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7 WHEREAS, dumping on Laumaile Street and in nearby area  
8 streams is not only unsightly, but a pollution problem as items  
9 such as yard waste, construction debris, and even dog waste can  
10 pollute the water, making it unsanitary for humans and wildlife;  
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13 WHEREAS, this illegal dumping adversely affects not only  
14 the Kalihi area but all areas downstream, as explained by the  
15 coordinator of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of  
16 Environmental Services' Adopt-A-Stream program, "When it rains,  
17 storm water percolates through accumulated garbage, some of it  
18 toxic, which goes untreated into local streams"; and  
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20 WHEREAS, accumulated trash in the area also invites vermin,  
21 including rodents, which adds to the public health concern; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the source of this illegal dumping includes both  
24 area residents and others who have been seen driving into the  
25 area just to dump trash; and  
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27 WHEREAS, although community cleanup programs are ongoing,  
28 no sooner is an area cleaned, then more trash is dumped into the  
29 same area; and  
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31 WHEREAS, while there are State laws that address waste  
32 disposal and littering, enforcement of anti-dumping statutes is  
33 a challenge when such dumping can occur at any time of the day,  
34 including very early morning hours; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the State, through the  
3 Department of Health, and the City, through the City and County  
4 of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services, have  
5 overlapping jurisdiction over solid waste dumping and water  
6 pollution in this area, which can cause confusion when the  
7 public attempts to call in a complaint; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that a coordinated effort  
10 between state and city agencies tasked with enforcing compliance  
11 with State anti-dumping laws is essential to investigate this  
12 ongoing problem, coordinate a thorough cleanup of the area, and  
13 develop measures to prevent illegal dumping at this site in the  
14 future; and  
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16 WHEREAS, illegal structures along Laumaile Street are also  
17 a concern to area residents, as well as a potential public  
18 health and safety concern; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,  
22 that the Department of Health's Clean Water Branch and Solid and  
23 Hazardous Waste Branch, the Honolulu Police Department, and the  
24 City and County of Honolulu's Departments of Environmental  
25 Services and Planning and Permitting are requested to  
26 investigate illegal dumping and illegal structures along  
27 Laumaile Street in Kalihi and to coordinate the cleanup  
28 pollution prevention and the enforcement of pollution, anti-  
29 dumping, and other applicable laws in that area; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department  
32 of Health, the Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police  
33 Department, and the Director of the Department of Environmental  
34 Services are requested to jointly report on the measures taken  
35 to address illegal dumping and illegal structures in the  
36 Laumaile Street area and to report their findings and  
37 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
38 before the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Chief  
42 of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and the Directors  
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1 of the Departments of Environment Services and Planning and  
2 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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