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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING WITHIN THE WAIPAHU COMMUNITY AND URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND MILITARY TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS CONCERN.

1           WHEREAS, the act of illegal dumping poses significant  
2 environmental risks to the State's communities; and

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4           WHEREAS, illegal dumping has long plagued Waipahu,  
5 particularly the West Loch bike path from Waipahu to Aiea, where  
6 shopping carts clutter drainage ditches; and

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8           WHEREAS, Carroll Cox of EnviroWatch likened Waipahu's  
9 illegal dumping to a bomb's aftermath, emphasizing the pressing  
10 need to clean up multiple illegal dump sites identified in  
11 Waipahu; and

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13           WHEREAS, illegal dumping is visible to Waipahu Elementary  
14 School, Waipahu High School, and other educational centers,  
15 posing a threat to the health, self-confidence, and well-being  
16 of students and setting a poor example for future generations;  
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19           WHEREAS, illegal dumping in Waipahu and surrounding  
20 communities threatens public health and the environment,  
21 contaminating soil, water sources, and roads; and

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23           WHEREAS, illegal dumping has diminished community pride for  
24 cleanliness throughout the Waipahu community; and

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26           WHEREAS, fostering awareness, education, and community  
27 involvement is crucial to promote responsible waste management  
28 practices and restore a sense of pride in maintaining a clean  
29 environment for all residents; and  
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1 WHEREAS, urgent action is necessary to mitigate health  
2 risks, protect the environment, and ensure the well-being of  
3 Waipahu residents and visitors; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
7 Session of 2024, that this body recognizes the issue of illegal  
8 dumping within the Waipahu community; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the State, City  
11 and County of Honolulu, and military to work together to address  
12 this concern; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this measure is intended to  
15 bring awareness to the need for change to man-made, polluted  
16 areas within Waipahu and surrounding communities; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of Joint Base Pearl  
20 Harbor-Hickam, Governor, Director of Transportation, Director of  
21 Health, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Director  
22 of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County  
23 of Honolulu.  
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