
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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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2 WHEREAS, urgent action is necessary to mitigate health
3 risks, protect the environment, and ensure the well-being of
4 Waipahu residents and visitors; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that this body
9 recognizes the issue of illegal dumping within the Waipahu
10 community; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the State, City
13 and County of Honolulu, and military to work together to address
14 this concern; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this measure is intended to
17 bring awareness to the need for change to man-made, polluted
18 areas within Waipahu and surrounding communities; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of Joint
22 Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Governor, Director of Transportation,
23 Director of Health, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
24 and Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the
25 City and County of Honolulu.
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