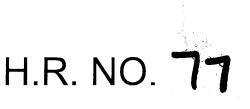
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII



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.

WHEREAS, the act of illegal dumping poses significant 1 2 environmental risks to the State's communities; and 3 4 WHEREAS, illegal dumping has long plaqued Waipahu, particularly the West Loch bike path from Waipahu to Aiea, where 5 6 shopping carts clutter drainage ditches; and 7 8 WHEREAS, Carroll Cox of EnviroWatch likened Waipahu's illegal dumping to a bomb's aftermath, emphasizing the pressing 9 10 need to clean up multiple illegal dump sites identified in Waipahu; and 11 12 WHEREAS, illegal dumping is visible to Waipahu Elementary 13 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; 17 and 18 WHEREAS, illegal dumping in Waipahu and surrounding 19 communities threatens public health and the environment, 20 contaminating soil, water sources, and roads; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, illegal dumping has diminished community pride for cleanliness throughout the Waipahu community; and 24 25 26 WHEREAS, fostering awareness, education, and community 27 involvement is crucial to promote responsible waste management practices and restore a sense of pride in maintaining a clean 28 29 environment for all residents; and 30

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WHEREAS, urgent action is necessary to mitigate health 1 risks, protect the environment, and ensure the well-being of 2 3 Waipahu residents and visitors; now, therefore, 4

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 6 7 Session of 2024, that this body recognizes the issue of illegal dumping within the Waipahu community; and 8

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the State, City 11 and County of Honolulu, and military to work together to address this concern; and 12

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this measure is intended to 14 bring awareness to the need for change to man-made, polluted 15 16 areas within Waipahu and surrounding communities; and 17

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 Health, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Director 21 22 of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu. 23 24

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