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**Testimony COMMENTING on HCR 92 / HR 76
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.**

REPRESENTATIVE LINDA ICHIYAMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Hearing Date: March 19, 2024

Room Number: 430

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A

2 **Department Testimony:** This resolution requests the State, including the Department of Health
3 (Department) to work with the City and County of Honolulu and military to address illegal
4 dumping in the Waipahu community.

5 The Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch of the Department is tasked with responding to
6 illegal dumping complaints statewide. Our records for the past three years indicate only a single
7 complaint of illegal dumping in Waipahu, however it does not mean that illegal dumping is not
8 occurring. Due to our limited resources, we utilize the complaint system to help identify
9 potential problem areas.

10 The Department encourages the public to report incidents of illegal dumping so that we
11 are able to investigate and resolve these issues as expeditiously as possible to mitigate any public
12 health and environmental threats.

13 **Offered Amendments:** None.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.