

**SCR 89**

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### **S.C.R. 89, Requesting the Cleanup 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**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
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3:15 pm**

1 **Department's Position:** DOH supports this resolution and agrees that it is appropriate for the  
2 Department to work with the Honolulu Police Department and the City.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This resolution requests that the Department of Health, Clean Water  
5 Branch and Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch, the Honolulu Police Department, and the City and  
6 County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services and Department of Planning and Permitting  
7 jointly investigate and enforce applicable regulations including the alleged illegal structures and illegal  
8 dumping activities.

9 We agree that a combined effort with the Honolulu Police Department and the City and County  
10 of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services and Department of Planning and Permitting is  
11 appropriate.

12 The Department has already conducted two inspections of the area, one of which has resulted in  
13 one letter to a neighboring property owner requiring cleanup of the waste they left at the end of  
14 Laumaile Street. Since Laumaile Street is a private roadway, we will also be asking the owner of the

1 roadway to ensure that any accumulated waste is properly disposed of. Similar actions will be  
2 conducted for the neighboring Kalihi Stream.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. As a coordinator of over dozens of community stream cleanups and environmental educational outreach events and activities in this area since 1995 thru 2004; I am very much aware of the ongoing challenges this area of Kalihi and Kamaikai Streams face, due to loss of accountability toward watershed management by residents abutting the stream banks, and the limited resources of agencies, organizations, etc needed to monitor this area, to ensure compliance of federal, state and city laws and ordinances.

It is my hope and intent that support of this resolution will assist in solidifying efforts to regain the integrity of Kalihi & Kamaikai Streams, at this location in particular; and resolve the illegal dumping problems and other problems which may be associated with it.

Thank you for the introduction of this Resolution.

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