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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

S.R. 55, 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

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- 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.
- We agree that a combined effort with the Honolulu Police Department and the City and County
- of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services and Department of Planning and Permitting is
- 11 appropriate.
- The Department has already conducted two inspections of the area, one of which has resulted in
- one letter to a neighboring property owner requiring cleanup of the waste they left at the end of
- Laumaile Street. Since Laumaile Street is a private roadway, we will also be asking the owner of the

roadway to ensure that any accumulated waste is properly disposed of. Similar actions will be conducted for the neighboring Kalihi Stream. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.