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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE INVESTIGATION AND CLEANUP OF THE ILLEGAL DISPOSAL  
OF TRASH AT NORTH SCHOOL STREET AND RICHARD LANE IN KALIHI  
AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO  
PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE AREA.

1           WHEREAS, the illegal disposal of trash, including bicycle  
2 and automobile parts and household appliances, on North School  
3 Street, between Kamehameha IV Road and Notley Street, in Kalihi,  
4 Oahu, Richard Lane, and in or around nearby area streets, has  
5 been an ongoing concern that has frustrated Kalihi residents for  
6 several years; and  
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8           WHEREAS, dumping on North School Street, Richard Lane, and  
9 in nearby areas is not only an eyesore but also a pollution  
10 problem, because items such as yard waste, construction debris,  
11 and even dog feces can pollute area streams, making it  
12 unsanitary for humans and animals alike; and  
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14           WHEREAS, illegal dumping adversely affects not only the  
15 Kalihi area but all areas downstream, and as explained by the  
16 coordinator of the City and County of Honolulu's (City)  
17 Department of Environmental Services' Adopt-A-Stream program:  
18 "When it rains, storm water percolates through accumulated  
19 garbage, some of it toxic, which goes untreated into local  
20 streams"; and  
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22           WHEREAS, accumulated trash in the area also entices vermin,  
23 including rodents, which adds to the public-health concern; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the source of this illegal disposal of trash  
26 includes both community residents and others who have been seen  
27 driving into the area just to dump garbage; and



1           WHEREAS, although community cleanup programs are ongoing,  
2 no sooner is an area cleaned, then more trash is illegally  
3 disposed of in the same area; and  
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5           WHEREAS, although there are state laws that address waste  
6 disposal and littering, the enforcement of anti-dumping statutes  
7 is a challenge when such dumping can occur at any time of the  
8 day, including during the wee hours of the morning; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the State, through the Department of Health (DOH),  
11 and the City, through the Department of Environmental Services  
12 (DES), have overlapping jurisdiction over matters of solid-waste  
13 disposal and water pollution, which can cause confusion when the  
14 public attempts to call in a complaint; and  
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16          WHEREAS, a coordinated effort between state and city  
17 agencies tasked with enforcing compliance with state anti-  
18 dumping laws is essential to investigate this ongoing problem,  
19 coordinate a thorough cleanup of the area, and develop measures  
20 to prevent illegal dumping at this site in the future; and  
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22          WHEREAS, illegal structures along North School Street and  
23 Richard Lane are also a concern to area residents as well as a  
24 potential threat to public health and safety; now, therefore,  
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26          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that DOH's Clean Water Branch  
29 and Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch, the Honolulu Police  
30 Department (HPD), and the City's DES and Department of Planning  
31 and Permitting are requested to investigate illegal dumping  
32 along North School Street, between Kamehameha IV Road and Notley  
33 Street in Kalihi, and Richard Lane and to coordinate cleanup and  
34 pollution-prevention efforts and the enforcement of pollution,  
35 anti-dumping, and other applicable laws in that area; and  
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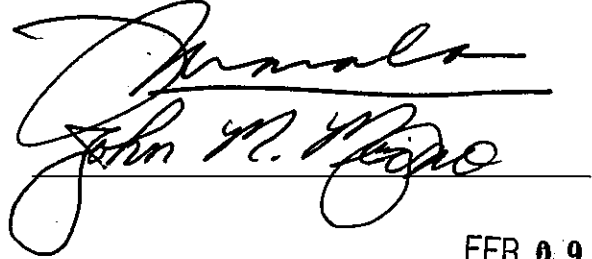
37          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, Chief  
38 of Police of HPD, and Director of the City's DES are requested  
39 to jointly report on the measures taken to address illegal  
40 dumping in the North School Street and Richard Lane area and to  
41 report their findings and recommendations to the Legislature no  
42 later than 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session  
43 of 2011; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
3 Chief of HPD, and City's directors of DES and the Department of  
4 Planning and Permitting.

5 OFFERED BY:

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