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## HOUSE 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

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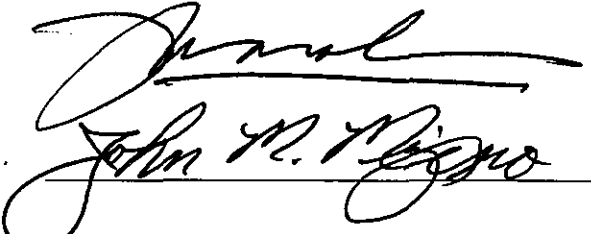
33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, Chief  
34 of Police of HPD, and Director of the City's DES are requested  
35 to jointly report on the measures taken to address illegal  
36 dumping in the North School Street and Richard Lane area and to  
37 report their findings and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



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

5 OFFERED BY:

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