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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

H.C.R. 82/H.R. 38, Requesting the Investigation and Cleanup of 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

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health

March 23, 2010
10:00 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department respectfully opposes this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure requests that the Department of Health, Clean Water Branch
4 and Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch, and the City and County of Honolulu Police Department,
5 Department of Environmental Services, and Department of Planning and Permitting, to investigate
6 illegal dumping activities along North School Street between Kamehameha IV Road and Notley Street
7 and along Richard Lane in Kalihi.

8 Our inspection of the site did not reveal an illegal dump. On February 19, 2010, the Department
9 of Health, Clean Water Branch and Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch inspected the areas identified in
10 the resolution. No illegal dumping activities or illegal discharges to state waters were observed. The
11 potential issue of illegal structures was referred to the City and County of Honolulu, Department of
12 Environmental Services, Stormwater Quality Branch.

13 The Department of Health does not actually clean up dump sites. We typically act as regulators
14 and look to the landowner to keep premises in compliance, and we will proceed against people who

1 actually dump if we have enough evidence. Unfortunately, by its nature, dumping often happens
2 quickly and secretly, and it is hard to catch dumpers. A neighborhood watch program is likely to be
3 more effective than reliance on government agencies whose budgets and staff are being reduced.

4 We ask that the measure be held.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

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