

# LATE TESTIMONY

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HOUSE WLH AND HWN COMMITTEES

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SUPPORT

For at least 25 years we have witnessed trucks or vans pulling up to the beach and 2-3 individuals shoveling sand into buckets which are poured into 3-5 trash can sized receptacles in the bed of the truck quickly and efficiently.

We witness this about 3-4x a week but sometimes nearly daily and often in the early evening or night. When police are called they come too late and the trucks have left.

If we inform the individuals what they are doing is against the law they simply drive off down the road and do the same. They also don't feel its against the law as they are only doing it for some special reason.

I also see this happening sometimes as I'm driving past other beaches along the Waianae Coast and I suspect at other beaches that aren't very visible. The coasts along Waianae used to be tall and beautiful sand dunes, but not anymore. Besides taking away BEACH this practice takes away a natural protection from high waves, and likely served other functions of nature as well. Regarding the existing 1 bucket per person per day --- this is impossible to monitor and enforce. We say -- enough already.

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