

HB-2481

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Cadiente		Support	No

Comments:

Imagine having a pile of filth piling up in front of your home. Imagine seeing someone in a wheelchair or a blind person, an elder, or children having to go into the street because the sidewalk is covered in garbage. I'm sure you'd be angry if that happened to you or your loved one. Well, it happens. A lot. Why? It's probably because there are no direct consequences to offenders. There are many indirect consequences such as lower property value, health concerns, safety hazards, and clogged storm drains, just to name a few. Much of this can be prevented if residents and contractors were more responsible and held accountable. There needs to be direct consequences such as citations, fines, and possibly arrests.

This cat and mouse game needs to stop. It has come to the point where someone just needs to report a dump site and the C&C will come and pick it up. Hawaii has made it too easy for offenders. On top of this, there are language barriers. There are so many residents that barely understand English.

I realize this bill targets illegal dumping, but I would like to add that improper trash disposal is a huge part of the problem, as well. Residents that do not follow the proper procedures for trash pickup should be cited, too. Where I live, there are small lanes of houses off the main road. These lanes have manual pickup. The garbage is left out on any given day, often not tied up in a bag nor in a garbage can. What makes it worse is that none of them will clean it up afterwards. Where does it end up? Blowing down the street, into storm drains, and also into people's yards.

Imagine how much cleaner our island will be if everyone did their part? Imagine how much money the City and County as well as the State will potentially save if everyone did their part.

I have been urging State Representative Takashi Ohno for a long time about this growing problem, and now here it is awaiting your approval. Please pass this bill to get residents to take pride in the Aloha State again. This has gone on far too long.

Mahalo,

Deborah Cadiente

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Edmund Lee		Support	No

Comments:

I am in support about a bill in consideration for illegal dumping. I had brought this issue to our Neighborhood Board couple years ago. It is not just illegal dumping that degrades our neighborhoods. Many homeowners and landlord/tenants ignore the rules for bulk trash pick-up by placing their bulky trash out on the streets outside of the scheduled pick-up dates. Large trash items are left outside with the expectation that the City will eventually come and clean up their mess. During that time, the bulk trash impedes walkways and degrades the beauty and value of our neighborhood. Many do not even take the time to try and break down the trash and place them into the large black bins. We live in an area with a great location with very high property values, but it sure does not match to the psychology of trashing their own neighborhood.

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Michael Kitchens		Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Thank you.

LATE

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L. Teruya		Support	No

Comments:

HB2481 would allow for videos/pictures to be submitted as evidence of illegal dumping and make it easier to make an arrest. This provides a means by which something can actually be done to enforce the laws against illegal dumping. Right now, an investigating officer has to actually witness the illegal dumping in order to make an arrest. However, by the time the officer gets to the scene, the perpetrators are long gone and even the submission of license plate numbers proves to be ineffective. The hope is that passage of this bill will empower reporting citizens and make an impact on decreasing the number of acts of illegal dumping in the future.

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Tina Kim		Support	No

Comments:

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Mark Doo		Support	No

Comments:

Any measure that helps to decrease the litter and trash on our streets needs to be passed.