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**Testimony COMMENTING on HCR 93 / HR 77
RECOGNIZING THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING WITHIN THE WAIPAHU
COMMUNITY AND URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,
AND MILITARY TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS CONCERN.**

REPRESENTATIVE LINDA ICHIYAMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Hearing Date: March 19, 2024

Room Number: 430

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A

2 **Department Testimony:** This resolution requests the State, including the Department of Health
3 (Department) to work with the City and County of Honolulu and military to address illegal
4 dumping in the Waipahu community, particularly along the West Loch bike path (which the
5 resolution says extends from Waipahu to Aiea).

6 The bike path extending from Waipahu to Aiea is termed the Pearl Harbor bike path as it
7 travels mainly along the shoreline area next to Pearl Harbor starting near Waipahu Depot Road
8 and terminating along Kamehameha Highway near Aloha Stadium. The West Loch bike path is
9 mainly in the Ewa Beach area (although there are plans to connect it to the Pearl Harbor bike
10 path at Waipahu Depot Road).

11 The Department is willing to investigate any illegal dumping in these areas and would
12 like to obtain information on the specific locations of any instances. We are aware that there are
13 homeless encampments along or near the Pearl Harbor bike path that may contribute a significant
14 amount to the dumping in this area. It is difficult for the Department to enforce and curb any
15 dumping from these sources. Until the homeless issue is resolved, illegal dumping will continue
16 to persist and remain a chronic problem in this area.

17 **Offered Amendments:** None.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.