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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND UNITED STATES
MILITARY TO COORDINATE AND ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL
DUMPING WITHIN WAIPAHU AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OF
EWA, PEARL CITY, AND AIEA ON OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, illegal dumping poses significant environmental
2 risks to communities, and proactive measures must be taken to
3 safeguard public health and preserve the State's natural
4 resources; and

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6 WHEREAS, illegal dumping has long plagued Waipahu, Oahu
7 particularly the area along the West Lock bike path from Waipahu
8 to Aiea, where shopping carts clutter drainage ditches; and

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10 WHEREAS, Carroll Cox of EnviroWatch compared this eyesore
11 to the aftermath of a bomb, emphasizing the pressing need for
12 action against time multiple illegal dump sites identified in
13 Waipahu; and

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15 WHEREAS, illegal dumping is visible to Waipahu Elementary
16 School, Waipahu High School, and other educational centers,
17 posing a threat to the health and well-being of students, and
18 immediate action is imperative to mitigate these risks and
19 ensure a safe learning environment for all; and

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21 WHEREAS, waste disposal in Waipahu and surrounding
22 communities threatens public health, contaminating soil, water
23 sources, and roads, and urgent action is necessary to mitigate
24 risks, protect the environment, and ensure the well-being of
25 residents and visitors alike; and

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27 WHEREAS, illegal dumping has created a hazardous
28 environment impacting Waipahu's and surrounding communities'
29 natural habitats and residents, and immediate interventions are
30 essential to mitigate harm, restore ecosystems, and safeguard
31 the health and well-being of the community; and



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WHEREAS, illegal dumping has diminished community pride in cleanliness in Waipahu and surrounding communities, and fostering awareness, education, and community involvement is crucial to promote responsible waste management practices and restore a sense of pride in maintaining a clean environment for all residents; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping in Waipahu and surrounding communities creates eyesores, health hazards, and sets a poor example for future generations, and it is imperative to address this issue through education enforcement, and community involvement to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the House of Representatives concurring, that the State, City and County of Honolulu, and the United States military are urged to coordinate and address the issue of illegal dumping within Waipahu, Oahu and the surrounding communities of Ewa, Pearl City, and Aiea; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is intended to bring awareness to the need for change to man-made, polluted areas within Waipahu and surrounding communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Director of the Department of Transportation, Director of the Department of Health, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu.

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