
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CLEAN UP AND INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING AND
ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT LAUMAILE STREET IN KALIHI AND THE
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO PREVENT
ILLEGAL DUMPING AND ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE AREA.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that illegal dumping of
2 trash, including bicycle and automobile parts and household
3 appliances, on Laumaile Street, in Kalihi, Oahu, and in or
4 around nearby area streams, have been an ongoing concern that
5 has frustrated Kalihi area residents for several years; and
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7 WHEREAS, dumping on Laumaile Street and in nearby area
8 streams is not only unsightly, but a pollution problem as items
9 such as yard waste, construction debris, and even dog waste can
10 pollute the water, making it unsanitary for humans and wildlife;
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13 WHEREAS, this illegal dumping adversely affects not only
14 the Kalihi area but all areas downstream, as explained by the
15 coordinator of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of
16 Environmental Services' Adopt-A-Stream program, "When it rains,
17 storm water percolates through accumulated garbage, some of it
18 toxic, which goes untreated into local streams"; and
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20 WHEREAS, accumulated trash in the area also invites vermin,
21 including rodents, which adds to the public health concern; and
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23 WHEREAS, the source of this illegal dumping includes both
24 area residents and others who have been seen driving into the
25 area just to dump trash; and
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27 WHEREAS, although community cleanup programs are ongoing,
28 no sooner is an area cleaned, then more trash is dumped into the
29 same area; and
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1 WHEREAS, while there are State laws that address waste
2 disposal and littering, enforcement of anti-dumping statutes is
3 a challenge when such dumping can occur at any time of the day,
4 including very early morning hours; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the State, through the
7 Department of Health, and the City, through the City and County
8 of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services, have
9 overlapping jurisdiction over solid waste dumping and water
10 pollution in this area, which can cause confusion when the
11 public attempts to call in a complaint; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that a coordinated effort
14 between state and city agencies tasked with enforcing compliance
15 with State anti-dumping laws is essential to investigate this
16 ongoing problem, coordinate a thorough cleanup of the area, and
17 develop measures to prevent illegal dumping at this site in the
18 future; and
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20 WHEREAS, illegal structures along Laumaile Street are also
21 a concern to area residents, as well as a potential public
22 health and safety concern; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
27 Health's Clean Water Branch and Solid and Hazardous Waste
28 Branch, the Honolulu Police Department, and the City and County
29 of Honolulu's Departments of Environmental Services and Planning
30 and Permitting are requested to investigate illegal dumping and
31 illegal structures along Laumaile Street in Kalihi and to
32 coordinate the cleanup, pollution prevention, and the
33 enforcement of pollution, anti-dumping, and other applicable
34 laws in that area; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department
37 of Health, the Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police
38 Department, and the Director of the Department of Environmental
39 Services are requested to jointly report on the measures taken
40 to address illegal dumping and illegal structures in the
41 Laumaile Street area and to report their findings and
42 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
43 before the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
3 the Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and the
4 Directors of the Departments of Environment Services and
5 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.