WHEREAS, the illegal disposal of trash, including bicycle and automobile parts and household appliances, on North School Street, between Kamehameha IV Road and Notley Street, in Kalihi, Oahu, Richard Lane, and in or around nearby area streets, has been an ongoing concern that has frustrated Kalihi residents for several years; and

WHEREAS, dumping on North School Street, Richard Lane, and in nearby areas is not only an eyesore but also a pollution problem, because items such as yard waste, construction debris, and even dog feces can pollute area streams, making it unsanitary for humans and animals alike; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping adversely affects not only the Kalihi area but all areas downstream, and as explained by the coordinator of the City and County of Honolulu's (City) Department of Environmental Services' Adopt-A-Stream program: "When it rains, storm water percolates through accumulated garbage, some of it toxic, which goes untreated into local streams"; and

WHEREAS, accumulated trash in the area also entices vermin, including rodents, which adds to the public-health concern; and

WHEREAS, the source of this illegal disposal of trash includes both community residents and others who have been seen driving into the area just to dump garbage; and

WHEREAS, although community cleanup programs are ongoing, no sooner is an area cleaned, then more trash is illegally disposed of in the same area; and
WHEREAS, although there are state laws that address waste
disposal and littering, the enforcement of anti-dumping statutes
is a challenge when such dumping can occur at any time of the
day, including during the wee hours of the morning; and

WHEREAS, the State, through the Department of Health (DOH),
and the City, through the Department of Environmental Services
(DES), have overlapping jurisdiction over matters of solid-waste
disposal and water pollution, which can cause confusion when the
public attempts to call in a complaint; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort between state and city
agencies tasked with enforcing compliance with state anti-
dumping laws is essential to investigate this ongoing problem,
coordinate a thorough cleanup of the area, and develop measures
to prevent illegal dumping at this site in the future; and

WHEREAS, illegal structures along North School Street and
Richard Lane are also a concern to area residents as well as a
potential threat to public health and safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
of 2010, that DOH's Clean Water Branch and Solid and Hazardous
Waste Branch, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), and the
City's DES and Department of Planning and Permitting are
requested to investigate illegal dumping along North School
Street, between Kamehameha IV Road and Notley Street in Kalihi,
and Richard Lane and to coordinate cleanup and pollution-
prevention efforts and the enforcement of pollution, anti-
dumping, and other applicable laws in that area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, Chief
of Police of HPD, and Director of the City's DES are requested
to jointly report on the measures taken to address illegal
dumping in the North School Street and Richard Lane area and to
report their findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
later than 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session
of 2011; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Chief of HPD, and City's directors of DES and the Department of Planning and Permitting.

OFFERED BY:

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