

REPORT TO TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
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Senate Concurrent Resolution
Number 89

PURSUANT TO S.C.R. 89
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
TO SUBMIT A JOINT REPORT ON THE CLEANUP 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 FUTURE

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I. Introduction

This is our final report on the cleanup and removal of illegal structures at Laumaile Street in Kalihi, which complies with Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) No. 89. SCR No. 89 requests the Department of Health, the Honolulu Police Department, and the Director of the Department of Environmental Services:

1. To investigate illegal dumping and illegal structures along Laumaile Street in Kalihi and to coordinate the cleanup pollution prevention and the enforcement of pollution, anti-dumping, and other applicable laws in that area; and
2. To prepare a joint report on the measures taken to address illegal dumping and illegal structures in the Laumaile Street area and the implementation of measures to prevent illegal dumping and illegal structures in the future.

II. Illegal Structures

On March 9, 2009, the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting, Building Division inspected the property abutting 1714 Laumaile Street and 2322D Kalihi Street. The Department of Planning and Permitting, Building Division noted the presence of miscellaneous makeshift structures and debris on the site and subsequently required the property owner to take the following measures:

1. Remove the makeshift structures at the property; and
2. Remove the solid waste materials on the property abutting 1714 Laumaile Street and 2322D Kalihi Street and at the end of Laumaile Street

On May 13, 2009, the illegal structures at the site were deconstructed. On October 14, 2009, an inspector revisited the site and reported no illegal structures or dumping at the site. The Department considers this matter closed.

III. Illegal Dumping

The Department of Health, Solid Waste Section inspected the Laumaile Street area on March 4, 2009 in response to a complaint received on February 24, 2009. The Department of Health, Solid Waste Section noted the presence of greater than one cubic yard of solid waste materials at the 1700 end of Laumaile Street, however, was unable to access the abutting property. The Department of Health, Solid Waste Section requested the identified individual to remove the debris from the roadway. The Department of Health, Solid Waste Section and Clean Water Branch jointly re-inspected the site on March 29, 2009 after receiving a request for investigation per SCR No. 89, and were unable to safely access the property abutting 1714 Laumaile Street and 2322D Kalihi Street. Following this inspection, the Department of Health attempted to identify the property owner for the subject property, through research and contacting various State and City Agencies. The property tax map key number is not available for

the subject property, and the Department of Health was unable to successfully identify the property owner before the cleanup efforts were completed.

The clean-up of solid waste materials by the property owner at the subject site began on May 13, 2009 and ended on May 15, 2009. The Department of Health, Solid Waste Section verified the removal of solid waste materials on May 16, 2009.

IV. Other Illegal Activities

On May 13, 2009 the Honolulu Police Department, Kalihi Crime Reduction Unit conducted a sweep of the area at the request of the property owner. Two individuals were located on the property and given trespass warnings by a Bank of Hawaii representative. The trespass warnings were documented by the Honolulu Police Department under report numbers 09-171869 and 09-171870. Also, fifteen (15) chickens were removed from the property with the assistance of the Humane Society. All animals recovered from the property were taken by the Humane Society. The activity of the Honolulu Police Department, Kalihi Crime Reduction Unit and Weed and Seed Unit was documented under report, Miscellaneous Public/09-171872.

The Honolulu Police Department's District 5 (Kalihi) Crime Reduction Unit and the Weed and Seed Unit are continuing to conduct investigations of alleged drug and gambling activities, which occur in the Laumaile area.

V. Preventive Measures

1. The Honolulu Police Department will continue to monitor Laumaile Street and take appropriate enforcement actions when violations of the law are observed.
2. At the request of the Honolulu Police Department, the property owner has posted a "No Trespassing" sign at the property's edge.
3. Building permit no. 643260 was obtained and chain link fencing was installed to secure the property abutting 1714 Laumaile Street and 2322D Kalihi Street to prevent trespassing and illegal dumping.
4. A "No Dumping" sign was posted as suggested by the Department of Health.