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COUNCIL CRACKS DOWN ON ILLEGAL DUMPING

The Honolulu City Council today passed Bill 64, which will improve how the City and Oahu citizens can combat the illegal dumping of trash and bulky waste tarnishing our communities.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga of District 6 introduced Bill 64 to address the illegal disposal of refuse and bulky waste upon public streets, roadsides, alleys, highways and public places within the City and County of Honolulu.

“For too long, illegal dumpers have evaded city agencies’ efforts to enforce prohibitions against trashing our island home,” said Councilmember Fukunaga. “By applying the same approach used in anti-littering laws, we can help city agencies and law enforcement crack down on illegal dumping for good.”

Bill 64 says any person who sees illegal dumping of trash or bulky waste can report the violation to any law enforcement officer. Witnesses can report a variety of details including photos and license plate numbers of vehicles used in the illegal act, which will greatly aid in identifying the violators, citing and imposing penalties.

It’s no longer necessary for the act of illegal dumping to have occurred in the presence of or been witnessed by an employee of city agencies to determine that a violation has occurred.

For more information on this bill or the Honolulu City Council, please go to the following web sites: <http://www.honoluluycitycouncil.com> or <http://www.honolulu.gov/council>

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