
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE RECONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D. 1 (REGULAR
SESSION OF 2024) TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES
RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION
ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING
FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Puuloa Range Training Facility, located in Ewa
2 Beach on Oahu, is a shooting range that has been used by United
3 States Marine Corps for more than a century; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Ewa Beach community has grown around it, and
6 the training facility now sits in the middle of a residential
7 neighborhood; and
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9 WHEREAS, in conducting live-fire exercises, shooters fire
10 into impact berms, including berms that face the ocean and share
11 a coastline with the area's beach parks; and
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13 WHEREAS, lead contamination from shooting ranges can
14 accumulate in the soil and remain there for hundreds of years;
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17 WHEREAS, in 2022, sampling done by the Surfrider Foundation
18 of soil taken from the beach side of the training facility
19 identified high levels of lead; and
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21 WHEREAS, there is a concern that lead from the soil at the
22 Puuloa Range Training Facility will leach into the ocean,
23 creating a serious risk to marine life in the area; and
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25 WHEREAS, there is further concern that dust from lead-
26 contaminated soil will enter the atmosphere and migrate into
27 residential neighborhoods via air or stormwater; and



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2 WHEREAS, addressing this issue will require input from
3 experts and community stakeholders; and
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5 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 18, H.D. 1 (Regular Session
6 of 2024) (HR18), requested that a working group be convened to
7 address issues related to water and air contamination and
8 remediation arising from the operation of the Puuloa Range
9 Training Facility; and
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11 WHEREAS, the working group established by HR18 will cease
12 on June 30, 2025; and
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14 WHEREAS, this body finds that the ongoing threat to the
15 health and safety of the residents of the Ewa Beach community
16 requires continuation of the working group established by HR18;
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19 WHEREAS, this body finds that the Department of Health
20 would be an appropriate agency to facilitate the working group's
21 efforts based on the Hazards Evaluation and Emergency Response
22 Office's authority to address contaminated sites through the
23 administration of the Brownfields Redevelopment Program and
24 Department of Defense-State Memorandum of Agreement Program;
25 now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the working group
30 established in House Resolution No. 18, H.D. 1 (Regular Session
31 of 2024) is requested to be reconvened to continue the efforts
32 to address issues related to water and air contamination and
33 remediation from the operation of the Puuloa Range Training
34 Facility; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to ensure that there is
37 sufficient community representation, the Representative of House
38 District 40 and the Councilmember for District 9 of the City and
39 County of Honolulu are requested to serve as co-chairs and co-
40 conveners of the working group; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, or the
2 Director's designee, is also requested to serve on the working
3 group, in addition to the members originally requested or
4 invited to participate on the working group pursuant to HR18;
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved
8 on June 30, 2027; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the
12 Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Director of Health, Chancellor of the
13 University of Hawaii at Manoa, Councilmember for District 9 of
14 the City and County of Honolulu, Vice Chair of Ewa Neighborhood
15 Board No. 23, Executive Director of Kuleana Coral Restoration,
16 Co-Chairs of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of
17 Hawai'i, Director of the Hawaii Reef & Ocean Coalition, Director
18 of the Free Access Coalition, and Director of the Shimanchu Wai
19 Protectors.

