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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO  
TAKE ACTION TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF  
THE STORAGE USE, AND DISPOSAL OF DEPLETED URANIUM MUNITIONS IN  
HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has released several  
2 reports and scientific studies concerning the health risks from  
3 exposure to depleted uranium; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the chemical and radiological toxicity of depleted  
6 uranium has been a reported cause of kidney dysfunction, damage  
7 to lung cells that increases the possibility of lung cancer,  
8 neurological disorders, liver infection, and high miscarriage  
9 rates among military personnel who have returned from a  
10 designated combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area where  
11 depleted uranium munitions have been used; and  
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13           WHEREAS, in recent times, many parts of our State,  
14 including Makua Valley and Schofield Barracks on the island of  
15 Oahu and Pohakuloa on the island of Hawaii, have been subject to  
16 small-arms live-fire and artillery practice; and  
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18           WHEREAS, there is a public health need to ensure the safe  
19 storage, use, disposal, and clean-up of munitions and other  
20 products containing depleted uranium within the State of Hawaii;  
21 now, therefore,  
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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
25 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's  
26 congressional delegation is requested to take action to obtain  
27 the assistance of the United States Department of Defense to  
28 conduct an environmental assessment of the scope and adequacy of



1 depleted uranium storage, use, and disposal in Hawaii and report  
 2 on training received by members of the Armed Forces involved in  
 3 the handling of depleted uranium munitions on exposure to  
 4 depleted uranium; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's congressional  
 7 delegation is requested to notify the Legislature of any  
 8 developments before the convening of the Regular Session of  
 9 2008; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
 13 congressional delegation; the Governor; the Commander, United  
 14 States Pacific Command; the Adjutant General; and the Director  
 15 of Health.

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