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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CALL
FOR COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT TESTING AND MONITORING TO
DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION AT THE
POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA.

1 WHEREAS, after years of repeatedly denying the use of
2 depleted uranium in Hawaii, it has been confirmed that the
3 United States Army used depleted uranium at the Pohakuloa
4 Training Area on the island of Hawaii, Schofield Barracks on the
5 island of Oahu, and possibly other sites in the State; and
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7 WHEREAS, the documented use of M101 spotting rounds,
8 containing depleted uranium, for training purposes in
9 conjunction with the Davy Crockett recoilless gun and the
10 possible use of other spotting rounds or weapon systems that
11 utilize depleted uranium have created the presence of
12 radioactive contamination at the Pohakuloa Training Area; and
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14 WHEREAS, the license granted to the United States Army by
15 the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission to possess
16 depleted uranium expired in 1964; and
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18 WHEREAS, the full extent of radioactive contamination at
19 the Pohakuloa Training Area is unknown because less than one per
20 cent of the 133,000 acre installation has been tested; and
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22 WHEREAS, depleted uranium is a chemically toxic and
23 radioactive heavy metal with a half-life of approximately 4.5
24 billion years; and
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26 WHEREAS, depleted uranium emits radioactive particles that
27 can cause cancer, cell mutations, birth defects, and other
28 possible health problems when inhaled or ingested; and
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1 WHEREAS, on July 2, 2008, the Hawaii County Council adopted
2 Resolution No. 639-08, by a vote of eight to one, urging the
3 United States military to order a complete halt to all bombing,
4 live firing exercises, and other activities at the Pohakuloa
5 Training Area that create dust until there is an assessment and
6 clean up of the depleted uranium; and
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8 WHEREAS, although the depleted uranium has not been cleaned
9 up, live firing exercises continue to be conducted at the
10 Pohakuloa Training Area, thereby risking the spread of
11 radioactive contamination on and off the installation; and
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13 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 639-08 also urged the United States
14 military to establish a citizen monitoring system to work
15 closely with military experts to ensure transparency and
16 community confidence; and
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18 WHEREAS, on August 13, 2008, the Hawaii County Council
19 adopted, by a unanimous vote, Resolution No. 701-08, designating
20 Dr. Lorrin Pang as a member of the citizens' advisory committee
21 upon the establishment of a citizen monitoring system; and
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23 WHEREAS, the United States military has failed to establish
24 a citizen monitoring system to work closely with military
25 experts to ensure transparency and community confidence; and
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27 WHEREAS, independent action is needed to address the
28 potential hazards of radioactive contamination to troops,
29 citizens, and visitors to the Pohakuloa Training Area; now,
30 therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
34 House of Representatives concurring, that the members of
35 Hawaii's congressional delegation are urged to call for
36 comprehensive, independent testing and monitoring, to be
37 conducted with civilian oversight to determine the extent of
38 radioactive contamination at the Pohakuloa Training Area; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the members of Hawaii's
41 congressional delegation are also requested to seek federal
42 funds to support this testing and monitoring effort; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
3 United States; the Commander, United States Pacific Command; the
4 Commander, United States Army Garrison-Hawaii; the members of
5 the United States Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense
6 and the United States House of Representatives Appropriations
7 Subcommittee on Defense; the Governor; and the members of
8 Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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