
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO
RELEASE REPORTS ON THE DEFUELING PROGRESS REGARDING THE RED
HILL FUEL TANKS EVERY WEEK UNTIL COMPLETION.

1 WHEREAS, the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility was built
2 in the 1940s ("Red Hill Fuel Tanks"); and
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4 WHEREAS, the Red Hill Fuel Tanks consist of twenty
5 underground tanks, each taller than Aloha Tower; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Red Hill Fuel Tanks sit directly above the
8 Southern Oahu Basal Aquifer, which supplies seventy-seven per
9 cent of Oahu's water; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Southern Oahu Basal Aquifer is one of nine
12 sole-source aquifers within the United States Environmental
13 Protection Agency's Region IX area and has been previously
14 identified as the "principal source of drinking water" for Oahu;
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17 WHEREAS, in November 2021, a release of approximately
18 fourteen thousand gallons of fuel from the Red Hill Fuel Tanks
19 contaminated the Red Hill drinking water shaft, necessitating
20 its discontinued use and displacing thousands of military
21 personnel and families; and
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23 WHEREAS, on March 7, 2022, the U.S. Defense Department
24 announced it will permanently close the Red Hill Fuel Tanks;
25 now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2022, the Legislature urges the Secretary of Defense and the
30 U.S. Department of Defense to honor its commitment and



1 permanently decommission the Red Hill Fuel Tanks in the most
2 expedient manner available; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the U.S. Department of Defense
5 provide weekly updates regarding the progress of de-fueling and
6 decommissioning of the Red Hill Fuel Tanks; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these weekly reports shall be given
9 on each Thursday starting on May 5, 2022, and continue until the
10 complete decommissioning of the Red Hill Fuel Tanks; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these weekly reports shall be made
13 available to the Governor of Hawaii, the Lieutenant Governor of
14 Hawaii, the Hawaii State Department of Health, the Honolulu
15 Board of Water Supply, members of the Hawaii State Senate,
16 members of the Hawaii State House of Representatives, the Mayor
17 of the City and County of Honolulu, and members of the Honolulu
18 City Council; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of
22 Defense, the United States Department of Defense, the United
23 States Navy Pacific Fleet Commander, the Office of the Governor
24 of Hawaii, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii, the
25 Hawaii State Department of Health, the Honolulu Board of Water
26 Supply, members of the Hawaii State Senate, members of the
27 Hawaii State House of Representatives, the Office of the Mayor
28 of the City and County of Honolulu, and members of the Honolulu
29 City Council.

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