
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO PROVIDE MILITARY
OVERSIGHT OF ALL CONTRACTORS AND CIVILIAN WORKERS AT UNITED
STATES MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE STATE.

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WHEREAS, on May 6, 2021, operator error caused more than twenty thousand gallons of fuel to be released from the pipelines at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, in an incident that the United States Navy maintains did not directly contaminate the State's drinking water; and

WHEREAS, in November 2021, a watch stander at Red Hill ran a cart into a low point drain valve, cracking a PVC pipe and spilling more than nineteen thousand gallons of fuel that had been deposited into the pipe by the May 6, 2021, fuel leak; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the November 2021 spill, more than three thousand three hundred gallons of fuel leaked from the Red Hill fuel storage tanks into the drinking water that services military housing on the island of Oahu, causing widespread illnesses and displacing thousands of military families; and

WHEREAS, in December 2021, groundwater sampling carried out near Red Hill in response to the fuel spills also detected per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are associated with developmental defects, thyroid disease, multiple forms of cancer, and other health concerns; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2022, Kinetix, a maintenance contractor at the Red Hill facility, spilled approximately one thousand three hundred gallons of concentrated aqueous film forming foam, or firefighting foam, which contains per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; and

WHEREAS, an investigation carried out by Rear Admiral Christopher Cavanaugh attributed the multiple accidents and



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1 spills to "a culture of complacency and . . . lack of
2 professionalism" at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; and
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4 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Cavanaugh's report found that in
5 February 2021, the commanding officer of Fleet Logistics Center
6 Pearl Harbor effectively removed military oversight of the
7 day-to-day operations at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility;
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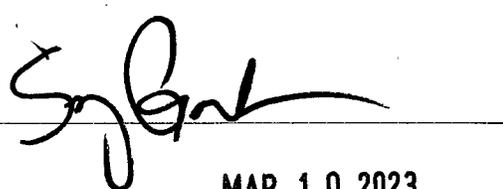
10 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Cavanaugh's report further found that
11 there were no military members on duty or providing oversight
12 when the May 6, 2021, fuel spill occurred; and
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14 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Cavanaugh's investigation revealed a
15 general lack of military leadership and oversight at Red Hill
16 Bulk Storage Facility, including "blurred lines of
17 responsibility, authority, and accountability"; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2023, that the United States Armed Forces are
22 requested to ensure military oversight of all contractors and
23 civilian workers at United States military facilities in the
24 State; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, United
28 States Army Pacific Commanding General, United States Navy
29 Pacific Fleet Commander, United States Pacific Air Forces
30 Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific Commander,
31 and United States Coast Guard District Fourteen Commander.
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