
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP 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 front the ocean and
11 share 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 samples taken from the beach side of the training
19 facility 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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29 WHEREAS, addressing this issue will require the input from
30 experts and community stakeholders; and



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WHEREAS, this body finds that the threat to the health and safety of the residents of the Ewa Beach community constitutes an emergency that requires immediate and decisive action; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that a working group be established to address issues related to water and air contamination and remediation arising from the operation of the Puuloa Range Training Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to consist of the following members:

- (1) The Representative of House District 40;
- (2) The Councilmember for District 9 of the City and County of Honolulu; and
- (3) The Vice Chair of the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to invite other individuals with relevant experience and expertise to be members of the working group, including:

- (1) A marine biologist from the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
- (2) A representative from Kuleana Coral Restoration;
- (3) A representative the fishing industry;
- (4) A representative from the United States Marine Corps; and
- (5) Any other members the working group deems necessary; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
2 to conduct informational briefings on issues related to water
3 and air contamination and remediation from the operation of the
4 Puuloa Range Training Facility and to take any other action as
5 the working group deems appropriate; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
8 to meet on a quarterly basis; and

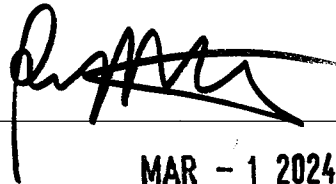
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
11 to provide a quarterly report to the House of Representatives;
12 and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall cease
15 on June 30, 2025; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the
19 Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii
20 at Manoa, Councilmember for District 9 of the City and County of
21 Honolulu, Vice Chair of Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23, and
22 Executive Director of Kuleana Coral Restoration.

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