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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE RECONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D. 1 (REGULAR SESSION OF 2024) TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS 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 face the ocean and share  
11 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 taken from the beach side of the training facility  
19 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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1 WHEREAS, addressing this issue will require input from  
2 experts and community stakeholders; and

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4 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 18, H.D. 1 (Regular Session  
5 of 2024) (HR18), requested that a working group be convened to  
6 address issues related to water and air contamination and  
7 remediation arising from the operation of the Puuloa Range  
8 Training Facility; and

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10 WHEREAS, the working group established by HR18 will cease  
11 on June 30, 2025; and

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13 WHEREAS, this body finds that the ongoing threat to the  
14 health and safety of the residents of the Ewa Beach community  
15 requires continuation of the working group established by HR18;  
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18 WHEREAS, this body finds that the Department of Health  
19 would be an appropriate agency to facilitate the working group's  
20 efforts based on the Hazards Evaluation and Emergency Response  
21 Office's authority to address contaminated sites through the  
22 administration of the Brownfields Redevelopment Program and  
23 Department of Defense-State Memorandum of Agreement Program;  
24 now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2025, that the working group established in House Resolution  
29 No. 18, H.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2024) is requested to be  
30 reconvened to continue the efforts to address issues related to  
31 water and air contamination and remediation from the operation  
32 of the Puuloa Range Training Facility; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to ensure that there is  
35 sufficient community representation, the Representative of House  
36 District 40 and the Councilmember for District 9 of the City and  
37 County of Honolulu are requested to serve as co-chairs and co-  
38 conveners of the working group; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, or the  
41 Director's designee, is also requested to serve on the working

1 group, in addition to the members originally requested or  
2 invited to participate on the working group pursuant to HR18;  
3 and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved  
6 on June 30, 2027; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the Marine Corps  
10 Base Hawaii, Director of Health, Chancellor of the University of  
11 Hawaii at Manoa, Councilmember for District 9 of the City and  
12 County of Honolulu, Vice Chair of Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23,  
13 Executive Director of Kuleana Coral Restoration, Co-Chairs of  
14 the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i,  
15 Director of the Hawaii Reef & Ocean Coalition, Director of the  
16 Free Access Coalition, and Director of the Shimanchu Wai  
17 Protectors.

