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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT  
LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE TO LOCATE AND REMOVE CHEMICAL AND CONVENTIONAL  
MUNITIONS DUMPED AT SEA.

1           WHEREAS, a recently released Department of the Army report  
2 disclosed that following World War II, the Army blatantly and  
3 without regard or concern for the people and natural resources  
4 of Hawaii, disposed of tons of chemical weapons that it had  
5 stockpiled in Hawaii by dumping the munitions in the ocean; and  
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7           WHEREAS, in 1944, somewhere off Pearl Harbor, 4,220 tons of  
8 hydrogen cyanide were dumped in various loose containers in  
9 waters approximately one thousand feet deep; and  
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11           WHEREAS, also in 1944, the military dumped 16,000 one  
12 hundred pound mustard bombs at an unspecified location "about  
13 five miles off of Oahu"; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the following year, the Army dumped 7 tons of one  
16 thousand pound hydrogen cyanide bombs, 461 tons of one thousand  
17 pound cyanogen chloride bombs, 28 tons of five hundred pound  
18 cyanogen chloride bombs, 800 tons of one hundred and fourteen  
19 pound mustard bombs, 510 tons of 4.2 inch mustard mortar shells,  
20 1,817 tons of one-ton mustard containers, and 300 tons of one-  
21 ton lewisite containers; and  
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23           WHEREAS, there are reports of other munitions dumping  
24 grounds off of Waianae, Fort Weaver, and Barbers Point; and  
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26           WHEREAS, despite Army regulations requiring minimum ocean  
27 depths of six thousand feet for chemical weapons and three  
28 thousand feet for conventional weapons, military munitions are  
29 reported to be found in waters as shallow as fifteen feet; and  
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31           WHEREAS, the Army claims that if the containers fail, most  
32 of the chemical would break down into nontoxic compounds;



1 however, the blister agent lewisite would leave elevated levels  
2 of arsenic in the sea floor sediment and in ocean waters; and

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4 WHEREAS, the total extent, location, and tonnage of all  
5 munitions dumped in Hawaii waters by the military is unknown;  
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8 WHEREAS, the danger to the health, welfare, and safety of  
9 the people, ocean flora and fauna, and marine waters of the  
10 State is enormous and could have potentially devastating impacts  
11 on the people, natural resources, and economy of this State;  
12 now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the members of  
17 Hawaii's congressional delegation are urged to press for  
18 legislation requiring the United States Department of Defense  
19 to:

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- 21 (1) Locate all munitions dump sites in state waters;
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- 23 (2) Survey all located munitions dump sites;
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- 25 (3) Research into the long-term threats to public and  
26 environmental health that the munitions dump sites  
27 pose;
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- 29 (4) Monitor each munitions dump site;
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- 31 (5) Determine remedial action to remove the munitions or,  
32 at least, minimize the threat the munitions pose to  
33 public and environmental health;
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- 35 (6) Determine the estimated costs for the remedial action;  
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- 38 (7) Establish a proposed schedule for undertaking the  
39 remedial action; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
43 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
44 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the  
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the



1 United States Secretary of Defense, each member of Hawaii's  
3 congressional delegation, and the Governor.

