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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SUPPORT AND PASS H.R. 4259, THE VETERANS' RIGHT TO KNOW  
ACT, WHICH CREATES A COMMISSION TO BRING RELIEF TO VETERANS  
INVOLVED IN PROJECT 112 AND THE SHIPBOARD HAZARD AND  
DEFENSE PROJECT AND OTHER INCIDENTS OF CHEMICAL OR  
BIOLOGICAL TESTING.

1           WHEREAS, between 1962 and 1974, the Department of Defense  
2 carried out the chemical and biological warfare testing projects  
3 known as Project 112 and the Shipboard Hazard and Defense  
4 Project, or Project SHAD; and

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6           WHEREAS, the Department of Defense acknowledges that one-  
7 hundred thirty-four such warfare tests were planned and fifty  
8 executed, with nineteen conducted at sea primarily in the South  
9 Pacific and off the coast of Hawaii, and thirty-one on land in  
10 Hawaii, the Panama Canal Zone, and Alaska; and

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12           WHEREAS, while some public awareness has grown about the  
13 tests since they became declassified, key pieces of information  
14 remain out of public grasp, including the agent dosage levels  
15 involved and the identities of exposed veterans as well as  
16 civilians; and

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18           WHEREAS, Professor Ken Alibek of the University of Maryland  
19 recounts in his book, Bio Hazard that the Russian government  
20 took care of veterans until death who were exposed to these same  
21 chemicals; and

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23           WHEREAS, in an effort to fully understand the extent of  
24 these tests and to provide exposed veterans with proper medical  
25 care, United States Representatives Mike Thompson and Denny  
26 Rehberg have introduced the Veterans' Right to Know Act,  
27 H.R. 4259; and

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29           WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have a right to know the  
30 truth about any chemical and biological testing conducted in  
31 their State; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Veterans' Right to Know Commission should be  
2 empowered to investigate what occurred in the State of Hawaii  
3 during Project SHAD not only to veterans but also to the  
4 civilian population; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Veterans' Right to Know Act would create a  
7 ten-member, bipartisan commission to investigate the chemical or  
8 biological warfare tests carried out under Project 112, Project  
9 SHAD and related tests, and to provide full notification through  
10 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to those  
11 veterans exposed to chemical or biological testing so that they  
12 may receive proper medical treatment and consideration for any  
13 service-related disability compensation; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Veterans' Right to Know Act has received  
16 endorsement from a variety of veterans' service organizations,  
17 including the American Legion, the Blinded Veterans Association,  
18 the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Officers  
19 Association of America, the Military Order of the Purple Heart,  
20 the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars,  
21 the Radiated Veterans of America, Inc., and the Vietnam Veterans  
22 of America; and  
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24           WHEREAS, California State Senator Wesley Chesbro and State  
25 Assemblywoman Patty Berg authored the California Senate Joint  
26 Resolution supporting H.R. 4259, the Veterans' Right to Know  
27 Act; now, therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
31 that the Legislature supports H.R. 4259, the Veterans' Right to  
32 Know Act, sponsored by United States Representatives Mike  
33 Thompson and Denny Rehberg, and co-sponsored by Hawaii  
34 Congressman Neil Abercrombie, and twenty-four other members of  
35 Congress; and  
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37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature shall give  
38 serious consideration to establishing a Veterans' Right to Know  
39 Commission, which shall include an investigation into the impact  
40 these chemical and biological tests had upon the civilian  
41 population in Hawaii and in other testing areas; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States  
3 House of Representatives and the members of the Hawaii  
4 Congressional delegation.  
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