
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO CEASE LIVE-FIRE MILITARY
TRAINING EXERCISES AT MAKUA MILITARY RESERVATION.

1 WHEREAS, Makua Valley, located near Kaena Point on the
2 western coast of Oahu, is considered sacred by many native
3 Hawaiians; and
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5 WHEREAS, Makua Military Reservation (Military Reservation),
6 which is situated in Makua Valley, extends west from the
7 ridgeline of the Waianae Mountains to the Pacific Ocean and is
8 located approximately three miles north of the town of Makaha;
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11 WHEREAS, the Military Reservation consists of 4,856 acres
12 in a combination of fee simple, ceded, and leased lands; and
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14 WHEREAS, use of Makua Valley by the United States Army was
15 first granted in May 1943 by the Territory of Hawaii through
16 Revocable Permit No. 200; and
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18 WHEREAS, on August 17, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson
19 signed Executive Order No. 11666 (Executive Order), which set
20 aside for the use of the United States most of the area that
21 composes the Military Reservation; and
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23 WHEREAS, with respect to the portion of the Military
24 Reservation not set aside by the Executive Order, a lease
25 agreement was entered into on August 17, 1964, between the
26 Assistant Secretary of the Army and the Department of Land and
27 Natural Resources of the State of Hawaii, whereby the United
28 States government obtained control and use of the remaining area
29 for a period of 65 years, a lease that ends in 2029; and



1 WHEREAS, the Military Reservation has been used extensively
2 since 1943 as a live-fire training area and has been subjected
3 to air bombing, ship-to-shore firing, amphibious operations, and
4 live-firing of a variety of infantry and artillery weapons; and
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6 WHEREAS, Makua Valley contains sites of historical and
7 archaeological value as well as endemic species of flora and
8 fauna; and
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10 WHEREAS, the transport of live-fire weapons to and from the
11 Military Reservation poses a danger to neighboring civilian
12 communities; and
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14 WHEREAS, live-fire training exercises use toxic and
15 hazardous chemicals and have ignited wildfires, causing
16 significant damage to the environment; and
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18 WHEREAS, such live-fire training exercises also imperil
19 important historical and archaeological areas; and
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21 WHEREAS, Makua Valley possesses cultural significance for
22 native Hawaiians; and
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24 WHEREAS, according to Hawaiian principles of stewardship
25 (kuleana), there is inherent reverence for the land as a living
26 partner in the lives of people; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2007, that the United States Army is urged to cease
31 immediately and permanently all live-fire training exercises at
32 the Military Reservation; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's Congressional
35 delegation is respectfully requested to introduce legislation
36 requiring, and support efforts toward, the immediate and
37 permanent cessation of all live-fire training exercises at the
38 Military Reservation; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
3 Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the United States Army,
4 Hawaii's Congressional delegation, Governor, and Department of
5 Land and Natural Resources.
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