
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 363, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§363- Depleted uranium; assistance; no state funds;
5 certification to legislature; health registry; outreach;

6 definitions. (a) Beginning on December 1, 2008, the office
7 shall assist any person who is an eligible member who:

8 (1) Has been assigned to a risk level I, II, or III for
9 depleted uranium exposure by the person's branch of
10 service;

11 (2) Is referred by a military physician; or

12 (3) Has reason to believe that the person had been exposed
13 to depleted uranium,

14 to obtain information on available federal treatment services,
15 including a best practice health screening test for exposure to

16 depleted uranium using a bioassay procedure involving sensitive
17 methods capable of detecting depleted uranium at low levels and

18 the use of equipment with the capability to discriminate between



1 different radioisotopes in naturally-occurring levels of uranium
2 and the characteristic ratio and marker for depleted uranium;
3 provided that no state funds shall be used to pay for such tests
4 or other federal treatment services.

5 (b) The office shall develop an outreach plan to ensure
6 that eligible members are informed of available resources with
7 regard to depleted uranium exposure.

8 (c) Beginning on December 1, 2008, and no later than
9 December 1 each year thereafter, the adjutant general shall
10 certify in writing to the legislature that members of the Hawaii
11 national guard have been informed of the possible health risks
12 associated with exposure to depleted uranium. The certification
13 shall apply to both pre-deployment and post-mobilization
14 information activities and post-deployment health screening.

15 (d) No later than December 1, 2008, the office shall
16 develop a health registry listing eligible members returning
17 from any area designated as a combat zone by presidential order
18 or any other area in which depleted uranium may be found.

19 (e) For the purposes of this section, unless the context
20 clearly requires otherwise:



1 "Depleted uranium" means uranium containing less
2 uranium-235 than the naturally-occurring distribution of uranium
3 isotopes.

4 "Eligible member" means a member of the Hawaii national
5 guard who has served in the Persian Gulf War, as defined in 38
6 U.S.C. 101(33), or in an area designated as a combat zone by
7 presidential order.

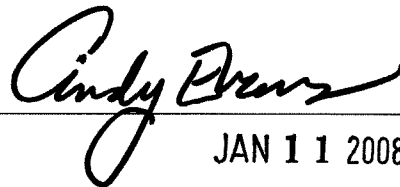
8 "Military physician" includes a physician who is under
9 contract with the United States Department of Defense to provide
10 physician services to members of the armed forces."

11 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Hazardous Materials; Veterans Exposed to Depleted Uranium

Description:

Requires office of veterans services to help inform certain members of the Hawaii national guard of federal services for depleted uranium exposure. Prohibits state funds use. Requires office to implement outreach. Requires adjutant general to certify annually that the Hawaii national guard members are informed.

