

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1520

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1452  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1452, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to test Schofield Barracks for detectable traces of depleted uranium weapon use by using established authority and following military regulations.

Specifically, this measure directs the Department of Health to take soil samples as close as possible to the center of the target impact sites at Schofield Barracks to detect the presence of depleted uranium.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from a member of the Hawaii County Council and thirty-four other individuals. The Department of health submitted comments in opposition to this measure. The Attorney General offered comments on this measure and raised concerns that requiring access to federal property may raise supremacy clause and federal preemption problems.

Your Committee finds that there is a public concern with regard to depleted uranium in this State. Internal United States Army correspondence indicate the presence of depleted uranium at Schofield Barracks. The United States military uses depleted uranium in its ordnance which upon combustion on impact may

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vaporize and travel for miles based upon particle size, phase, and wind conditions. If internalized, depleted uranium may cause scarring, fibrosis, and genetic mutations which can possibly lead to cancers, infertility, and birth defects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1452, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1452 HDI, SDI	IGM/HTH, WAM	3/29/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred			/	
WHALEN, Paul	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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