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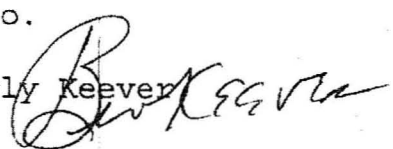
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For the
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On H.B. 2072

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Mahalo.

Beverly Kever


LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY SUPPORTING H.B. 2072 ON VETERANS
BY BEVERLY ANN DEEPE KEEVER, PH.D. BEFORE
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS,
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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I support this bill.

At the dawn of the atomic-bomb age, the U.S. government began its poor record of keeping in the dark its own military personnel of the dangers of radioactivity emanating from uranium- and plutonium-emitting weapons, I reveal in my book titled *News Zero: The New York Times and The Bomb*, which I researched and wrote as a professor of journalism at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

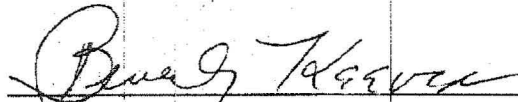
For example, the U.S. troops who entered Hiroshima and Nagasaki shortly after the atomic-bombing of those cities were given no information about or protections against the dangers of radioactivity lingering in those areas.

Yet, at the highest levels of the U.S. government, top generals, scientists and policymakers were well aware of the hazards of radioactivity and instituted safety measures for themselves and their workplaces.

This same silence about the dangers of radioactivity befell the U.S. service personnel engaged in the first Pacific nuclear weapons tests, where the yield over 16 years equaled 1.47 Hiroshima-size bombs per day.

This same silence should not be allowed to be extended today to the Hawaii national guard.

Thank you for hearing this bill. Please pass it and urge that it be adequately funded.


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