

**testimony**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:27 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** DU Concerns-HB 2076

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Please consider this an urgent request that the studies of the presence and impacts of DU on our land and people be done expeditiously, and that no current or future use of any equipment or arms be allowed without an objective unbiased research into the toxic and or lethal nature on all life forms of Depleted Uranium.

Mahalo - gay barfield, Hilo, Hawaii and Glenwood/Mt.View

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**From:** Cynthia Hathaway [doorways@aloha.net]  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** DU

L A T E

Aloha,

Thank you for reading my testimony. I am aware that Depleted Uranium contaminates our precious Island of Hawaii. It is a serious matter. Irreversible damage has begun. It is in your power to protect us from further exploitation. It is your duty as public servants. Preserve our environment for future generations. We do not want the statistics of brain cancer in our children and all the other documented health hazards that parallel those places that have endured decades of live fire practice. Test for heavy metal in our air and ground. Require an independent group to monitor. Resist the Military Industrial complex pressure to use Hawaii for it's own hidden agenda.

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## Kanoe Kamanao

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Aloha Chairs and members of the Committees

My name is Kyle Kajihiro. I am writing to testify in support of HB2076, HD1.

Depleted Uranium (DU) is a form of nuclear waste that has been used in weapons by the U.S. Military. It should not be in our environment in Hawai'i. DU is only one of hundreds of military toxics that pose a threat to community and environment.

This bill is an important step to having a better understanding of the environmental and health impacts of military activities in Hawai'i. However, this bill does not go far enough to address the multiple hazards that face our communities due to military activities.

In order for the Department of Health to truly fulfill its kuleana to investigate and protect public health with regard to military contamination, it must monitor for the range of military contamination that are known to be present on ranges. There is much we don't know about the amount, extent and effects of military contamination in Hawai'i, much less the synergistic and cumulative effects of different substances and the pollution from other sectors such as Agriculture, Industrial and Residential sources. A more comprehensive approach to understanding and then addressing military toxics is needed rather than a piecemeal approach.

I would urge that the effective date of July 1, 2020 is much too distant, and fails to take into account the urgency of health concerns raised by the community. The bill should go into effect immediately.

I thank you for hearing this bill. I urge your support for this bill.

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