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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT TESTING AND MONITORING  
TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF RADIATION CONTAMINATION AT THE  
POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA.

1           WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, the United States Military  
2 used the Pohakuloa Training Area for firing a formerly  
3 classified weapon, the Davy Crockett recoilless gun, which has  
4 created the presence of depleted uranium in the impact area at  
5 the United States Army Garrison, Pohakuloa; and

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7           WHEREAS, depleted uranium is a chemically toxic and  
8 radioactive heavy metal with a half-life of 4.6 billion years;  
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11           WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has released several  
12 reports and scientific studies concerning the health risks from  
13 exposure to depleted uranium; and

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15           WHEREAS, depleted uranium emits radioactive particles that  
16 can cause cancer when inhaled or ingested and also cause damage  
17 in several human organ systems; and

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19           WHEREAS, there is a public health need to ensure the safe  
20 storage, use, disposal, and clean-up of munitions and other  
21 products containing depleted uranium at the Pohakuloa Training  
22 Area; and

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24           WHEREAS, in 2008, the Hawaii County Council adopted  
25 Resolution No. 639-08, Draft 2, urging the United States  
26 Military to address the potential hazards of depleted uranium at  
27 the Pohakuloa Training Area by establishing a citizen monitoring  
28 system to work closely with military experts to assure  
29 transparency and community confidence; and  
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1 WHEREAS, independent action is needed to address potential  
2 hazards of depleted uranium at the Pohakuloa Training Area; now,  
3 therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
7 House of Representatives concurring, that comprehensive,  
8 independent testing and monitoring is recommended to determine  
9 the extent of radiation contamination at the Pohakuloa Training  
10 Area; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recommend  
13 citizen oversight of independent testing and monitoring to  
14 ensure transparency and community confidence; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal funds, if available,  
17 are requested to help with the independent testing and  
18 monitoring process; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
22 United States; members of the Defense Subcommittee of the United  
23 States Senate Appropriations Committee; members of the  
24 Subcommittee on Defense of the United States House  
25 Appropriations Committee; Commander, United States Pacific  
26 Command; Commander, United States Army Garrison-Hawaii;  
27 Commander, United States Army Garrison-Pohakuloa; members of  
28 Hawaii's Congressional Delegation; and Governor.

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