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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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STRONGLY URGING COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT TESTING AND MONITORING  
TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF RADIATION CONTAMINATION AT THE  
POHAKULOLOA 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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31           WHEREAS, independent action is needed to address potential  
32 hazards of depleted uranium at the Pohakuloa Training Area; now,  
33 therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,  
 3 that comprehensive, independent testing and monitoring is  
 4 recommended to determine the extent of radiation contamination  
 5 at the Pohakuloa Training Area; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recommend  
 8 citizen oversight of independent testing and monitoring to  
 9 ensure transparency and community confidence; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal funds, if available,  
 12 are requested to help with the independent testing and  
 13 monitoring process; and

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

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