
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO TAKE ACTION TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE STORAGE, USE, AND DISPOSAL OF DEPLETED URANIUM MUNITIONS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has released several
2 reports and scientific studies concerning the health risks from
3 exposure to depleted uranium; and
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5 WHEREAS, the chemical and radiological toxicity of depleted
6 uranium has been a reported cause of kidney dysfunction, damage
7 to lung cells that increases the possibility of lung cancer,
8 neurological disorders, liver infection, and high miscarriage
9 rates among military personnel who have returned from a
10 designated combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area where
11 depleted uranium munitions have been used; and
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13 WHEREAS, in recent times, many parts of our state,
14 including Makua Valley and Schofield Barracks on the island of
15 Oahu and Pohakuloa on the island of Hawaii, have been subject to
16 small-arms live-fire and artillery practice; and
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18 WHEREAS, there is a public health need to ensure the safe
19 storage, use, disposal, and clean-up of munitions and other
20 products containing depleted uranium within the State of Hawaii;
21 now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2007, that Hawaii's congressional delegation is
26 requested to take action to obtain the assistance of the United
27 States Department of Defense to conduct a review of the scope
28 and adequacy of depleted uranium storage, use, and disposal in
29 Hawaii and report on training received by members of the Armed
30 Forces involved in the handling of depleted uranium munitions on
31 exposure to depleted uranium; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's congressional
2 delegation is requested to notify the Legislature of any
3 developments before the convening of the Regular Session of
4 2008; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's
8 congressional delegation; the Governor; the Commander, United
9 States Pacific Command; the Adjutant General; and the Director
10 of Health.

