

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

493

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1452

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1452 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to take soil samples within five hundred meters of all military bases at least once every three months to monitor the levels of depleted uranium contamination.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from a Hawaii County Councilmember, Maui Peace Action, Malu Aina Center of Non-violent Education and Action, Hawaiian Political Action Council of Hawaii, and numerous individuals. The Department of Health submitted testimony in opposition to this measure, citing its lack of staffing, instrumentation, and operating costs to conduct the required soil sampling.

Your Committee is concerned that there is not sufficient information relating to the presence and detection of depleted uranium in the State and of the dangers of depleted uranium and its effects on human and animal life. What is happening in areas of exclusive federal jurisdiction and out of the State's control may have lasting detrimental impacts on the environment and the health and safety of Hawaii residents. Your Committee herein requests that the Department of Health give serious consideration to this matter and engage the Attorney General as to how best to protect public health and safety. Given the grave seriousness of

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this public health issue, although this measure is inadequate to address the issue, your Committee finds it necessary to keep this vehicle alive to ensure further discussion on this matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1452 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1452		Date: 2/13/07		
Committee Referral: EEP, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)	✓			
3. CHONG, Pono	✓			
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
8. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
TOTAL	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Mele Carroll</i></div>				
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