
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY OPPOSING THE UNITED STATES ARMY'S PROPOSED FORCE
REDUCTION OF SCHOFIELD BARRACKS AND FORT SHAFTER BASES.

1 WHEREAS, as part of its 2020 Force Structure Realignment,
2 the United States Army is currently considering a proposal to
3 eliminate 16,606 active duty soldiers from Schofield Barracks
4 and 3,786 active duty soldiers from Fort Shafter on the island
5 of Oahu; and

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7 WHEREAS, our nation's re-balance to the Pacific has real
8 consequence to Hawaii because our State's economic security is
9 directly linked to our national security; and

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11 WHEREAS, to date, more than \$9,000,000,000 has been spent
12 to reposition assets and capabilities into the Asia Pacific
13 region; and

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15 WHEREAS, the United States military has signed a defense
16 cooperation agreement with the Philippines; placed two
17 additional U.S. Navy destroyers in, and deployed tilt-rotor
18 Osprey aircrafts and Global Hawk drones to, Japan; and the
19 Marine Corps is rotating troops in Australia, as plans move
20 forward to relocate marines from Okinawa, Japan, to Guam and
21 then Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, North Korea is a "notoriously unpredictable and
24 dangerous nation" and China's aggressive military growth, its
25 lack of transparency, and its pattern of increasingly assertive
26 behavior in the region make the need for a visible American
27 presence all the more important, with Hawaii as a critical
28 forward deployment location; and
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1 WHEREAS, the United States Army's Pacific Pathways plan to
2 strengthen capabilities and assets in the Pacific region is an
3 integral part of our national defense strategy; and
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5 WHEREAS, a reduction in Hawaii based troops will undermine
6 the priority placed on a strong "boots on the ground presence"
7 in the Pacific region; and
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9 WHEREAS, the number of active duty soldiers on Oahu will be
10 reduced by at least 19,800 due to the proposed force reduction,
11 which will result in a reduction of approximately 30,000
12 civilian family members; and
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14 WHEREAS, the force reduction would reduce Oahu's total
15 population by five percent and will affect and reduce, by
16 thirty-eight percent, the populations of the communities
17 surrounding Schofield Barracks, including Mililani, Wahiawa,
18 Waialua, and Kunia; and
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20 WHEREAS, such a population loss will severely impact the
21 local construction, retail, and real estate industries and
22 professional, scientific, and technical services by an estimated
23 loss of 20,000 jobs; and
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25 WHEREAS, the total economic impact of the proposed force
26 reduction will gravely hurt Hawaii's economy due to an estimated
27 payroll loss of \$1,350,000,000; a loss of \$400,000,000 in
28 military construction funding; and an estimated loss of
29 \$9,200,000 in general excise tax revenues; and
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31 WHEREAS, the proposed reduction will adversely affect the
32 population, economy, and schools of Central Oahu, and Honolulu
33 communities as a whole; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
36 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
37 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
38 strongly opposes the United States Army's 2020 Force Structure
39 Realignment proposal as it affects Schofield Barracks and Fort
40 Shafter located on the island of Oahu; and
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