
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN EMPHASIS ON COLLABORATION, OPENNESS, AND
STRENGTHENING OF THE LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
STATE AND UNITED STATES NAVY IN ADDRESSING AND RESOLVING
ISSUES RELATING TO THE LEAKAGE OF FUEL FROM THE NAVY'S RED
HILL UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Navy's Red Hill Underground Fuel
2 Storage Facility, located near Pearl Harbor, Oahu, was
3 constructed between 1940 and 1943 to provide fuel to U.S. ships
4 and aircraft fighting in the Pacific during World War II; and

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6 WHEREAS, the facility has 20 tanks, each of which is
7 capable of holding 12,600,000 gallons of fuel; and

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9 WHEREAS, on January 24, 2014, the U.S. Navy confirmed a
10 fuel leakage from Red Hill Storage Tank No. 5, which caused the
11 release of up to 27,000 gallons of jet fuel; and

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13 WHEREAS, as a consequence of the release of the jet fuel,
14 the Legislature adopted S.C.R. No. 73, H.D. 1, in the 2014
15 Regular Session which, among other things, requested the
16 Director of Health to convene a task force to study the effects
17 of the fuel leak and report the task force's findings and
18 recommendations to the Legislature prior to the convening of the
19 Regular Session of 2015; and

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21 WHEREAS, the military community is an integral part of
22 Hawaii's social and economic infrastructure, and the State, U.S.
23 Navy, and the City and County of Honolulu share interests of
24 vital importance, including the health and welfare of the
25 State's residents, military population, and visitors, economic
26 considerations, and national security; and
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1 WHEREAS, the "good neighbor" policy of the State and
 2 military community fostered by open dialog, a collaborative
 3 approach, and an appreciation of the other party's circumstances
 4 has overcome and resolved many issues between the parties in the
 5 past and this policy of mutual respect and openness is critical
 6 for a mutually beneficial future for everyone; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 9 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 10 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Director of
 11 Health is requested to develop and implement a course of action
 12 that emphasizes collaboration, openness, and strengthening of
 13 the long-term relationship between the State and the United
 14 States Navy in addressing and resolving the issues relating to
 15 the leakage of fuel from the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage
 16 Facility; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
 19 requested to submit a report of findings and recommendations on
 20 the Department of Health's course of action, including proposed
 21 legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than 20 days
 22 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the
 26 United States Pacific Fleet, the Commander of the United States
 27 Pacific Command, and the Director of Health.
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