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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CALL FOR  
COMPREHENSIVE, INDEPENDENT TESTING AND MONITORING TO  
DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION AT THE  
POHAKULOLOA TRAINING AREA.

1           WHEREAS, after years of repeatedly denying the use of  
2 depleted uranium in Hawaii, it has been confirmed that the  
3 United States Army used depleted uranium at the Pohakuloa  
4 Training Area on the Island of Hawaii, Schofield Barracks on the  
5 Island of Oahu, and possibly other sites in the State; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the documented use of M101 spotting rounds, which  
8 were used in conjunction with the Davy Crockett recoilless guns  
9 for training purposes, contained depleted uranium, resulting in  
10 the presence of radioactive contamination at the Pohakuloa  
11 Training Area; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the full extent of radioactive contamination at  
14 the Pohakuloa Training Area is unknown because less than one  
15 percent of the 133,000 acre installation has been tested; and  
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17           WHEREAS, depleted uranium emits radioactive particles that  
18 can cause cancer, cell mutations, birth defects, and other  
19 possible health problems when inhaled or ingested; and  
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21           WHEREAS, on July 2, 2008, the Hawaii County Council adopted  
22 Resolution No. 639-08, by a vote of eight to one, urging the  
23 United States military to order a complete halt to all bombings,  
24 live firing exercises, and other activities at the Pohakuloa  
25 Training Area that create dust, until there is an assessment and  
26 cleanup of the depleted uranium; and  
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28           WHEREAS, although the depleted uranium has not been cleaned  
29 up, live firing exercises continue to be conducted at the  
30 Pohakuloa Training Center that, along with strong winds and



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1 heavy rains, may cause the spread of radioactive contamination  
2 at the installation and in surrounding areas; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 639-08 also urged the United States  
5 military to establish a citizen monitoring system to work  
6 closely with military experts to ensure transparency and  
7 community confidence; and  
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9 WHEREAS, on August 13, 2008, the Hawaii County Council  
10 adopted Resolution No. 701-08, by unanimous vote, designating  
11 Dr. Lorrin Pang as a member of the citizens advisory monitoring  
12 committee upon the establishment of a citizen monitoring system;  
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15 WHEREAS, the United States military has failed to establish  
16 a citizen monitoring system to work closely with military  
17 experts to ensure transparency and community confidence; and  
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19 WHEREAS, independent action is needed to address the  
20 potential hazards of radioactive contamination to troops, who  
21 train at Pohakuloa Training Center, and to Hawaii residents and  
22 visitors; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
26 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that members of Hawaii's  
27 Congressional delegation are urged to call for comprehensive,  
28 independent testing and monitoring, to be conducted with  
29 civilian oversight, to determine the extent of radioactive  
30 contamination at the Pohakuloa Training Area; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of Hawaii's  
33 Congressional delegation are requested to seek federal funds to  
34 support this testing and monitoring effort; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
38 United States; the Commander, United States Pacific Command; the  
39 Commander, United States Army Garrison-Hawaii; the members of  
40 the United States Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense  
41 and the United States House of Representatives Appropriations



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1 Subcommittee on Defense; members of Hawaii's Congressional  
2 delegation; and the Governor.  
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