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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MISSILE DEFENSE  
AGENCY TO RESIST SITING THE PROPOSED HOMELAND DEFENSE  
RADAR-HAWAII WITHIN THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense Missile  
2 Defense Agency (DOD-MDA) has proposed a radar facility, Homeland  
3 Defense Radar-Hawaii (HDR-H), to be sited either in the City and  
4 County of Honolulu or the County of Kauai, at a cost of  
5 \$1,900,000,000, for the purpose of detecting high altitude  
6 intercontinental ballistic missiles launched from North Korea  
7 toward Hawaii and the continental United States; and

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9           WHEREAS, the Missile Defense Advocacy Agency, a non-  
10 governmental organization comprised of top business and legal  
11 and military executives, voiced a concern that HDR-H would  
12 transform Hawaii's ballistic missile interception complex (with  
13 the SM-3 Block IIA and THAAD interceptor batteries) into a prime  
14 target for America's enemies as in the preemptive attack on  
15 Pearl Harbor in 1941; and

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17           WHEREAS, newer generation ballistic, hypersonic, and low-  
18 flying cruise missiles, capable of Mach 4 speed, greater  
19 maneuverability, and greater accuracy are being developed in  
20 China, Russia, and the United States, which are capable of  
21 evading ground-based radar detection by overflying air defense  
22 sensors and flying below ballistic missile sensors, rendering  
23 the HDR-H obsolete, such that the DOD-MDA defunded the HDR-H in  
24 the 2020 Defense Authorization Act; and

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26           WHEREAS, the HDR-H was kept alive by partial refunding in  
27 the appropriations bill passed in December 2020 for \$133,000,000  
28 over the objection of the DOD-MDA, triggering negative public  
29 reaction; and

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31           WHEREAS, the DOD-MDA has instead funded a next generation  
32 space-based global sensor system and upgraded the sea-based x-



1 band radar "golf ball" for \$47,000,000 in place of the new  
2 obsolete HDR-H; and

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4 WHEREAS, there are serious environmental, social, and  
5 cultural concerns associated with HDR-H, including  
6 electromagnetic emissions, toxic waste disposal, a diesel power  
7 plant requiring one hundred fifty thousand gallons of fuel  
8 storage; clearing of up to one hundred sixty acres impacting  
9 cultural sites and the environment; and the plan for a  
10 contamination shelter in case of chemical fallout, all of which  
11 compound the frustration of Hawaii residents over the military's  
12 unsatisfactory stewardship of Pohakuloa, Oahu's endangered  
13 aquifer below the Red Hill fuel tanks and Pearl Harbor superfund  
14 sites as examples of military-caused environmental degradation;  
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17 WHEREAS, the County Councils of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii  
18 have all passed resolutions calling for diplomacy with North  
19 Korea rather than provocative militarization such as expressed  
20 by the deployment of the HDR-H; and

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22 WHEREAS, spending \$1,900,000,000 on an outmoded HDR-H is a  
23 prime example of wasteful Pentagon spending that is the subject  
24 of House Resolution 1003 (2020), introduced by Representative  
25 Barbara Lee (D-CA-13), with twenty-four co-sponsors calling for  
26 an audit, "expressing the sense of the House of Representatives  
27 regarding wasteful Pentagon spending and supporting cuts to the  
28 bloated defense budget," which at \$704,000,000,000 per year is  
29 well over half the federal discretionary budget and exceeds the  
30 sum of the next ten largest international military budgets; now,  
31 therefore,

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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
34 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
35 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the United States  
36 Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency is urged to resist  
37 siting the proposed Homeland Defense Radar-Hawaii within the  
38 State of Hawaii in order to save tax dollars from an unnecessary  
39 and unwanted wasteful spending project during a time of  
40 unprecedented need for public services in health, education, and  
41 welfare for Hawaii's people and to avoid heightening Hawaii's  
42 perception as a strategic strike target; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of Defense, Director of the Missile Defense Agency, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Mayors and Councilmembers of the City and County Councils.

OFFERED BY: Sean B/R  
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