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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY TO CLEAN UP MUNITIONS AND  
EXPLOSIVES OF CONCERN IN HAWAII UNDER THE MILITARY  
MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, certain areas of the Hawaiian Islands were used  
2 for military training exercises that resulted in large  
3 quantities of munitions and explosives being deposited in the  
4 ground; and

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6           WHEREAS, Congress established the Military Munitions  
7 Response Program in 2001 under the Defense Environmental  
8 Restoration Program to address munitions-related concerns,  
9 including explosive safety, environmental and health hazards  
10 from releases of unexploded ordnance, discarded military  
11 munitions, and munitions found at locations other than  
12 operational ranges on active bases, Base Realignment and Closure  
13 installations, and Formerly Used Defense Sites properties; and

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15           WHEREAS, the Military Munitions Response Program provides a  
16 focused program to address the challenges presented at sites  
17 called munitions response sites; and

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19           WHEREAS, munitions responses are response actions,  
20 including investigation, removal actions, and remedial actions,  
21 that address safety, human health, or environmental risks  
22 presented by munitions and explosives of concern; and

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24           WHEREAS, munitions and explosives of concern are specific  
25 categories of military munitions that may pose unique explosives  
26 safety risks, such as:

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28           (1) Unexploded ordnance, as defined in 10 U.S.C.  
29               101(e)(5);  
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- 1 (2) Discarded military munitions, as defined in 10 U.S.C.
- 2 2710(e)(2); or
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- 4 (3) Munitions constituents, such as TNT and
- 5 cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine (RDX), as defined in 10
- 6 U.S.C. 2710(e)(3), present in high enough
- 7 concentrations to pose an explosive hazard; and
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9 WHEREAS, wherever possible, the remedial action for  
 10 subsurface munitions and explosives of concern should be to  
 11 restore the land; and

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 13 WHEREAS, this process involves identifying munitions and  
 14 explosives of concern and detonating them in a controlled  
 15 manner; and

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 17 WHEREAS, land use controls, such as fencing to restrict  
 18 access to land, rather than restoration of the land, should only  
 19 be used when remedial action is not technically possible; and

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 21 WHEREAS, Bellows Air Force Base sits largely on ceded lands  
 22 along the shoreline in the middle of Waimanalo; and

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 24 WHEREAS, part of Bellows Air Force Base was previously used  
 25 as an urban warfare training facility and is contaminated and  
 26 unsuitable for use if the land is returned to the State; and

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 28 WHEREAS, land use controls, such as fencing off the area,  
 29 instead of restoration were selected as the treatment plan for  
 30 the Bellows Air Force Base site; and

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 32 WHEREAS, it is best for land formerly used for military  
 33 training purposes, including Bellows Air Force Base, to be  
 34 restored rather than merely fenced off, which deprives residents  
 35 of surrounding communities of the ability to enjoy and make  
 36 productive use of the land; now, therefore,

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 38 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
 39 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
 40 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States  
 41 military is urged to clean up munitions and explosives of



1 concern in Hawaii under the Military Munitions Response Program;  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, wherever possible throughout  
5 Hawaii, the remedial action for subsurface munitions and  
6 explosives of concern should be to restore the land, instead of  
7 simply restricting access to the land; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
11 United States, United States Secretary of Defense, Commander of  
12 the United States Indo-Pacific Command, members of Hawaii's  
13 Congressional delegation, and Governor.

