
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO PROVIDE MILITARY
OVERSIGHT OF ALL CONTRACTORS AND CIVILIAN WORKERS AT UNITED
STATES MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE STATE.

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2 WHEREAS, on May 6, 2021, operator error caused more than
3 twenty thousand gallons of fuel to be released from the
4 pipelines at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, in an incident
5 that the United States Navy maintains did not directly
6 contaminate the State's drinking water; and

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8 WHEREAS, in November 2021, a watch stander at Red Hill ran
9 a cart into a low point drain valve, cracking a PVC pipe and
10 spilling more than nineteen thousand gallons of fuel that had
11 been deposited into the pipe by the May 6, 2021, fuel leak; and

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13 WHEREAS, as a result of the November 2021 spill, more than
14 three thousand three hundred gallons of fuel leaked from the Red
15 Hill fuel storage tanks into the drinking water that services
16 military housing on the island of Oahu, causing widespread
17 illnesses and displacing thousands of military families; and

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19 WHEREAS, in December 2021, groundwater sampling carried out
20 near Red Hill in response to the fuel spills also detected
21 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are associated with
22 developmental defects, thyroid disease, multiple forms of
23 cancer, and other health concerns; and

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25 WHEREAS, on November 29, 2022, Kinetix, a maintenance
26 contractor at the Red Hill facility, spilled approximately one
27 thousand three hundred gallons of concentrated aqueous film
28 forming foam, or firefighting foam, which contains per- and
29 polyfluoroalkyl substances; and

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1 WHEREAS, an investigation carried out by Rear Admiral
2 Christopher Cavanaugh attributed the multiple accidents and
3 spills to "a culture of complacency and . . . lack of
4 professionalism" at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; and
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6 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Cavanaugh's report found that in
7 February 2021, the commanding officer of Fleet Logistics Center
8 Pearl Harbor effectively removed military oversight of the
9 day-to-day operations at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility;
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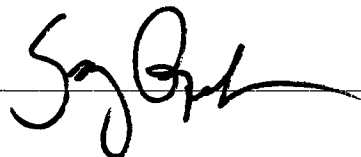
12 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Cavanaugh's report further found that
13 there were no military members on duty or providing oversight
14 when the May 6, 2021, fuel spill occurred; and
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16 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Cavanaugh's investigation revealed a
17 general lack of military leadership and oversight at Red Hill
18 Bulk Storage Facility, including "blurred lines of
19 responsibility, authority, and accountability"; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the United States
24 Armed Forces are requested to ensure military oversight of all
25 contractors and civilian workers at United States military
26 facilities in the State; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of
30 Defense, United States Army Pacific Commanding General, United
31 States Navy Pacific Fleet Commander, United States Pacific Air
32 Forces Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific
33 Commander, and United States Coast Guard District Fourteen
34 Commander.
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