
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AND THE COUNTIES TO PRIORITIZE EXPENDITURE
OF FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS ON INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.

1 WHEREAS, public safety and emergency response agencies in
2 the State of Hawaii operate radio communication systems on
3 different frequencies of the spectrum allocated for public
4 safety use; and
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6 WHEREAS, the use of different frequencies restricts the
7 ability of public safety and emergency response agencies to
8 communicate with one another and can delay the delivery of
9 critical resources during an emergency; and
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11 WHEREAS, an interoperable communication system will allow
12 communications within and among the different public safety and
13 emergency response agencies at the state and local level; and
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15 WHEREAS, an interoperable communication system will enable
16 public safety and emergency response personnel to communicate
17 quickly and effectively during an emergency; and
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19 WHEREAS, the State and counties receive funding from the
20 United States Department of Homeland Security that can be used
21 to upgrade public safety and emergency response communications
22 systems; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that federal homeland security
27 funding received by the State of Hawaii and the four counties be
28 used first and foremost for the development and implementation
29 of a standards-based statewide and countywide system for
30 interoperable communications between first responders of all
31 government jurisdictions; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to ensure communications
2 interoperability, a state or county agency that uses federal
3 homeland security funding for the purchase of public safety
4 radio communication equipment is requested to ensure that the
5 equipment purchased complies with the following requirements:

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- 7 (1) The common system standards for digital public safety
8 radio communications commonly referred to as the
9 "Project 25 Standard", as developed by the Associated
10 Public-Safety Communications Officials, Inc., National
11 Association of State Telecommunications Directors and
12 Agencies of the Federal Government, commonly referred
13 to as "APCO/NASTD/FED"; and
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- 15 (2) The operational and functional requirements delineated
16 in the Statement of Requirements for Public Safety
17 Wireless Communications and Interoperability developed
18 by the SAFECOM Program under the United States
19 Department of Homeland Security; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that favorable consideration and
22 funding priority shall be given to the following statewide and
23 countywide interoperable public safety communication
24 initiatives:

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- 26 (1) State Law Enforcement Coalition for the implementation
27 of the statewide 700 MHz, Project 25 interoperable
28 communication system;
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- 30 (2) County of Hawaii, to upgrade to a digital Project 25
31 interoperable communication system;
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- 33 (3) County of Kauai, to upgrade to a digital Project 25
34 interoperable communication system; and
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- 36 (4) County of Maui, to upgrade to a digital Project 25
37 interoperable communication system; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
3 Director of Civil Defense, and the Mayor, Chief of Police, and
4 the Fire Chief of each county.
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