
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND THE HOUSE WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES
AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO
IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATED TO POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SLOPE
MOVEMENT AND TO RECOMMEND WAYS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.

1 WHEREAS, erosion is the displacement of soil, mud, rock,
2 and other particles by the agents of wind, water, and downward
3 or down-slope movement in response to gravity or by living
4 organisms; and

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6 WHEREAS, rock, soil, or other slope movement can be
7 potentially hazardous to people and property; and

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9 WHEREAS, in 2000, for instance, a rock slide on Kamehameha
10 Highway near Waimea Bay led to the closure of the highway for
11 more than two weeks; and

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13 WHEREAS, a young woman was killed when a six-ton boulder
14 crashed into her Nuuanu home; and

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16 WHEREAS, other incidents have highlighted the instability
17 of Hawaii's hillsides and cliffs, including the evacuation of a
18 section of Hawaii Kai townhouses after a boulder rolled onto a
19 resident's car; and

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21 WHEREAS, a task force should be created to identify issues
22 related to potentially hazardous slope movement and to recommend
23 ways to address these issues; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Senate Committee
28 on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs and the House
29 Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs Committee are
30 requested to convene a task force to identify issues related to



1 potentially hazardous slope movement and to recommend ways to
2 address these issues; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
5 interested legislators, council members, and community
6 organizations, and at least one representative of the Department
7 of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation,
8 Department of Health, Honolulu Department of Planning and
9 Permitting, the Hawaii County Planning Department, the Kauai
10 County Department of Planning, and the Maui County Department of
11 Planning; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit an
14 interim report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
15 prior to the convening of the 2008 regular session, and submit a
16 final report, including any proposed legislation, to the
17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the 2009 Regular Session; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force also forward a
21 copy of the interim report and the final report to the Governor,
22 the Mayor of Honolulu, Mayor of Hawaii, Mayor of Kauai, Mayor of
23 Maui, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, Chair of the Hawaii
24 County Council, Chair of the Kauai County Council, and Chair of
25 the Maui County Council; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
29 Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Chair
30 of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian
31 Affairs; the Chair of the House Water, Land, Ocean Resources and
32 Hawaiian Affairs Committee; Chair of the Board of Land and
33 Natural Resources; Director of Transportation; Director of
34 Health; Chair of the Honolulu City Council; Chair of the Hawaii
35 County Council; Chair of the Kauai County Council; Chair of the
36 Maui County Council; Director of the Honolulu Department of
37 Planning and Permitting; Director of the Hawaii County Planning
38 Department; Director of the Kauai County Department of Planning;
39 and the Director of the Maui County Department of Planning.
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