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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE TO DESIGNATE A LEAD STAFF TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS.

1 WHEREAS, given the recent disasters, such as hurricanes
2 Katrina and Rita of 2005, and more recently the earthquakes
3 affecting Hawaii, the needs of individuals with disabilities and
4 other special health needs became more apparent as a part of
5 overall community emergency preparedness; and

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7 WHEREAS, an interagency workgroup was convened in October
8 2005, to address these needs; and

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10 WHEREAS, the interagency workgroup developed a 2006
11 Interagency Action Plan for the Emergency Preparedness of People
12 with Disabilities and Special Health Needs; and

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14 WHEREAS, the interagency work group took action on many of
15 the goals and objectives during 2006 and subsequently updated
16 the action plan in February 2007; and

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18 WHEREAS, the 2006 and 2007 interagency action plans
19 identified preparedness planning, notification, sheltering, and
20 transportation as the most pressing issues for individuals with
21 disabilities and special health needs; and

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23 WHEREAS, the interagency action plan set forth the
24 following goals:

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26 (1) All pre-designated locations used and managed as
27 emergency evacuation shelters shall meet minimum
28 requirements for facility access in the area of
29 ingress and use of restroom (toilet) facilities to
30 meet the needs of Level I individuals;
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- 1 (2) The capacity of the community to "shelter-in-place"
2 shall be increased;
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- 4 (3) The number and dispersion of community emergency
5 shelters as centers to provide augmented health
6 support for Level II individuals shall be increased,
7 with the long-term goal of having all community
8 shelters able to support Level II individuals;
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- 10 (4) An accessible public and professional personal
11 emergency readiness campaign shall be developed to
12 assist everyone to make plans for themselves and their
13 families in the event of an emergency;
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- 15 (5) Individuals with disabilities or special health needs
16 shall have an emergency evacuation plan in place
17 developed by themselves or by their caregivers to
18 implement in the event of a notification of
19 evacuation;
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- 21 (6) Education shall be provided to all health care
22 providers in order that appropriate emergency
23 evacuation plans for health care facilities or
24 settings are in place;
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- 26 (7) Individuals with disabilities or special health needs
27 shall receive notification of an evacuation through
28 the State Civil Defense mechanisms in an accessible
29 format; and
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- 31 (8) Each county shall have a plan for providing accessible
32 transportation for individuals with disabilities and
33 special health needs who have no transportation
34 options or means to get to and from the emergency
35 shelter; and
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37 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to expand and
38 improve Hawaii's emergency management operations by supporting
39 the equipping of emergency shelters and the establishment of a
40 statewide coordinator to address and plan for the specific and
41 specialized needs of individuals with disabilities and special
42 health needs; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Division of the State Department
 2 of Defense is the designated lead agency for the Emergency
 3 Management System in the State of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
 7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Civil Defense
 8 Division of the State Department of Defense designate a lead
 9 staff person to address the disaster preparedness needs of
 10 individuals with disabilities and special health needs; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of Defense
 13 is requested to report the designation of its lead staff person
 14 to address the disaster preparedness needs of individuals with
 15 disabilities and special health needs to the Legislature not
 16 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2008
 17 Regular Session; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General of
 21 the Department of Defense, the Director and Vice-Director of the
 22 Civil Defense Division, the Director of Health, the Director of
 23 Human Services, the Chair and Executive Director of the
 24 Disability and Communication Access Board, the Chair and
 25 Executive Administrator of the State Council on Developmental
 26 Disabilities, and each county Civil Defense or Emergency
 27 Management Agency.
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