
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION,
AND TO REPORT ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO SHIFT
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, DISASTER RELIEF, AND HOMELAND
SECURITY COSTS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Division of the Department of
2 Defense ("State Civil Defense"), assists authorities in
3 providing for the safety and welfare of residents, visitors, and
4 animals in the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, State Civil Defense continuously strives to
7 maintain its readiness to respond to the needs of the people of
8 Hawaii in the event of disasters, either natural or human-
9 caused; and

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11 WHEREAS, State Civil Defense, based on incident command and
12 unified command procedures and relationships, adopted the
13 National Incident Management System in order to comply with all
14 federal preparedness funding conditions; and

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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii may be reaching a conflict with state and
17 federal requirements to be in compliance with the National
18 Incident Management System because current staffing, resources,
19 and facilities may not be sufficiently adequate to meet Hawaii's
20 needs during a human-caused or natural disaster; and

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22 WHEREAS, counties are the first responders in the event of
23 disaster, either natural or human-caused, and State Civil
24 Defense, upon request, provides support through personnel,
25 supplies, and coordination of efforts with county civil defense
26 and other agencies of the state and federal governments; and

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28 WHEREAS, State Civil Defense is challenged in planning for
29 disasters, providing timely response during disasters, and



1 assisting with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to get
2 cost sharing and reimbursements; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is
7 requested to conduct a financial audit of the Department of
8 Defense, Civil Defense Division ("State Civil Defense"), and is
9 requested to include in that audit:

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11 (1) The total amount of general and federal funds received
12 and expended by State Civil Defense to advance its
13 mission and goals, and the purposes for which the
14 funds were expended;
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16 (2) Issues relating to the State Civil Defense Division's
17 financial records and its system of accounting and
18 internal controls;
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20 (3) Issues relating to the State Civil Defense strategic
21 and financial plan, its budgeting process, and its
22 process of forecasting future financial needs; and
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24 (4) Any and all other matters that the Auditor would
25 normally undertake as necessary or appropriate in a
26 system-wide financial audit; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
29 conduct a management audit of State Civil Defense that includes:

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31 (1) How priorities for expenditures of homeland security
32 moneys are determined;
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34 (2) Processes for development of policies, requirements,
35 and incentives to mitigate the problems caused by
36 natural or human-caused hazards;
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38 (3) Processes for planning best responses to natural and
39 other disasters to minimize costs attributed to those
40 disasters and protect the interests of Hawaii's
41 residents and their possessions and pets and visitors
42 to the State, including:
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- 1 (A) A process for planning reliability of
2 communication networks and how State Civil
3 Defense works with other government and
4 non-government agencies and special interest
5 groups and individuals to develop plans for
6 communicating warnings;
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- 8 (B) A process for planning for power supplies for
9 major state airports, health care facilities,
10 temporary shelters, and other essential services;
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- 12 (C) A process for working with county, state, and
13 federal agencies to update existing sirens, and
14 the placement of other warning devices, with
15 priority given to land areas at high risk from
16 natural hazards, so that vital information is
17 timely disseminated to the public;
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- 19 (D) A process for developing disaster plans that will
20 provide emergency shelter for patients and staff,
21 as well as a plan to meet the medical needs of
22 its patients during a disaster; and
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- 24 (E) A process for developing a plan to protect
25 Hawaii's ports of entry when emergency access by
26 foreign flag ships or aircraft is sought,
27 including a plan for such contingencies as when
28 vessels carry munitions and weapons; and
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- 30 (4) Any current public hearing notice requirements that
31 may be required in development of plans;
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- 33 (5) The decision-making practices of State Civil Defense
34 when disasters occur, either non-emergency or
35 emergency declarations;
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- 37 (6) Suggested improvements to the State Civil Defense
38 Division's administrative procedures; and
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- 40 (7) State Civil Defense's future endeavors to effectively
41 and satisfactorily engage the community in sharing its
42 concerns with authorities; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
2 include a report on federal government initiatives to shift
3 disaster preparedness, disaster relief, and homeland security
4 costs to state and local governments; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Defense,
7 state and county civil defense agencies, their staffs, and other
8 relevant persons or agencies are requested to cooperate with and
9 assist the Auditor, and to provide information requested by the
10 Auditor; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
13 cooperate with state and county civil defense agencies, their
14 staff, and other relevant persons or agencies in fulfilling the
15 Legislature's request, recognizing the current three recovery
16 programs underway with the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
20 submit the findings and recommendations of the financial and
21 management audits and the report, including any proposed
22 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
23 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the
27 Governor, the Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense,
28 and the administrators of the civil defense agencies of the
29 counties.
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