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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ASSOCIATIONS OF APARTMENT OWNERS AND CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATE TO DEVELOP EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION PLANS FOR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR SENIORS AND RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has an increasing population of seniors and
2 adults, many of whom live independently at home in high-rise and
3 multiple unit residential buildings; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of the State's seniors have special medical
6 needs, such as the inability to ascend or descend stairs,
7 dependence on oxygen, use of wheelchairs or other assistive
8 devices, special dietary needs, and refrigerated prescription
9 medications; and
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11 WHEREAS, these special medical needs become even more
12 critical and require attention during an emergency, especially
13 situations that result in the loss of electricity to power
14 building elevators, appliances, and medical devices; and
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16 WHEREAS, associations of apartment owners, condominium unit
17 owners' associations and first responders to emergencies would
18 benefit from being aware of the special needs of residents, and
19 would be able to establish procedures to ensure that those needs
20 are addressed in an emergency; and
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22 WHEREAS, apartment owners and condominium unit owners'
23 would benefit from the development of an evacuation plan for
24 residents of those buildings, including residents with special
25 needs, and make all residents aware of procedures and evacuation
26 routes that they should use during an emergency; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that associations of



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1 apartment owners and condominium unit owners' associations
 2 throughout the State are urged to conduct voluntary surveys of
 3 the special needs of their residents and make preparations to
 4 address those needs in the event of an emergency; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that associations of apartment
 7 owners and condominium unit owners' associations throughout the
 8 State are urged to develop emergency plans that include
 9 evacuation plans and that address the special needs of senior
 10 and medically fragile residents to be used in the event of an
 11 emergency and are further urged to distribute the plans to all
 12 residents and post the plans publicly where they may be viewed
 13 by residents and visitors; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
 17 Civil Defense Division of the Department of Defense, to the
 18 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Executive
 19 Director of the Real Estate Commission who in turn is requested
 20 to transmit copies to the chairperson of the board of each
 21 registered association of apartment owners and condominium unit
 22 owners' association, and to the Chief of the fire department of
 23 each county.

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