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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
3 that the Auditor is requested to conduct a financial audit of  
4 the Department of Defense, Civil Defense Division ("State Civil  
5 Defense"), and is requested to include in that audit:

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

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- 27 (1) How priorities for expenditures of homeland security  
28 moneys are determined;
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- 30 (2) Processes for development of policies, requirements,  
31 and incentives to mitigate the problems caused by  
32 natural or human-caused hazards;
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- 34 (3) Processes for planning best responses to natural and  
35 other disasters to minimize costs attributed to those  
36 disasters and protect the interests of Hawaii's  
37 residents and their possessions and pets and visitors  
38 to the State, including:  
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- 40 (A) A process for planning reliability of  
41 communication networks and how State Civil  
42 Defense works with other government and  
43 non-government agencies and special interest



1 groups and individuals to develop plans for  
2 communicating warnings;

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4 (B) A process for planning for power supplies for  
5 major state airports, health care facilities,  
6 temporary shelters, and other essential services;

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8 (C) A process for working with county, state, and  
9 federal agencies to update existing sirens, and  
10 the placement of other warning devices, with  
11 priority given to land areas at high risk from  
12 natural hazards, so that vital information is  
13 timely disseminated to the public;

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15 (D) A process for developing disaster plans that will  
16 provide emergency shelter for patients and staff,  
17 as well as a plan to meet the medical needs of  
18 its patients during a disaster; and

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20 (E) A process for developing a plan to protect  
21 Hawaii's ports of entry when emergency access by  
22 foreign flag ships or aircraft is sought,  
23 including a plan for such contingencies as when  
24 vessels carry munitions and weapons; and

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26 (4) Any current public hearing notice requirements that  
27 may be required in development of plans;

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29 (5) The decision-making practices of State Civil Defense  
30 when disasters occur, either non-emergency or  
31 emergency declarations;

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33 (6) Suggested improvements to the State Civil Defense  
34 Division's administrative procedures; and

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36 (7) State Civil Defense's future endeavors to effectively  
37 and satisfactorily engage the community in sharing its  
38 concerns with authorities; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
41 include a report on federal government initiatives to shift  
42 disaster preparedness, disaster relief, and homeland security  
43 costs to state and local governments; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Defense,  
2 state and county civil defense agencies, their staffs, and other  
3 relevant persons or agencies are requested to cooperate with and  
4 assist the Auditor, and to provide information requested by the  
5 Auditor; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
8 cooperate with state and county civil defense agencies, their  
9 staff, and other relevant persons or agencies in fulfilling the  
10 Legislature's request, recognizing the current three recovery  
11 programs underway with the Federal Emergency Management Agency;  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
15 submit the findings and recommendations of the financial and  
16 management audits and the report, including any proposed  
17 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior  
18 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the Governor, the  
22 Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense, and the  
23 administrators of the civil defense agencies of the counties.

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