
SENATE 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,
30 that associations of apartment owners and condominium unit
31 owners' associations throughout the State are urged to conduct
32 voluntary surveys of the special needs of their residents and



1 make preparations to address those needs in the event of an
2 emergency; and

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

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Civil Defense
15 Division of the Department of Defense, to the Director of
16 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Executive Director of the
17 Real Estate Commission who in turn is requested to transmit
18 copies to the chairperson of the board of each association of
19 apartment owners and condominium unit owners' association that
20 is registered with the Department of Commerce and Consumer
21 Affairs through a method of distribution that will not exceed
22 its Condominium Education Trust Fund funding cap, and to the
23 Chief of the fire department of each county.

