
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
33 make preparations to address those needs in the event of an
34 emergency; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that associations of apartment
3 owners and condominium unit owners' associations throughout the
4 State are urged to develop emergency plans that include
5 evacuation and shelter-in-place plans that address the special
6 needs of senior and medically fragile residents to be used in
7 the event of an emergency; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these emergency plans include
10 provisions for emergency supplies such as water and
11 non-perishable foods; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that associations of apartment
14 owners and condominium unit owners' throughout the State are
15 further urged to distribute the plans to all residents and post
16 the plans publicly where they may be viewed by residents and
17 visitors; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that associations of apartment
20 owners and condominium unit owners' throughout the State are
21 urged to include in their annual statements filed with the Real
22 Estate Commission any developed emergency plans that address the
23 special needs of senior and medically fragile residents to be
24 used in the event of an emergency to enable the Real Estate
25 Commission to gather information regarding the number of
26 emergency plans developed, the procedures of these plans, and
27 the special needs of the residents these emergency plans are
28 intended to address; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Civil Defense
32 Division of the Department of Defense, to the Director of
33 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Executive Director of the
34 Real Estate Commission who in turn is requested to transmit
35 copies to the chairperson of the board of each association of
36 apartment owners and condominium unit owners' association that
37 is registered with the Department of Commerce and Consumer
38 Affairs through a method of distribution that will not exceed
39 its Condominium Education Trust Fund funding cap, and to the
40 Chief of the fire department of each county.

