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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING FACILITIES AT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVATION AT LUALUALEI FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER PURPOSES.

1           WHEREAS, the leeward coast of Oahu has suffered many  
2 natural and human-caused disasters in the past; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the sole public passage from the leeward coast to  
5 the rest of Oahu in the event of any disaster requiring the  
6 evacuation of the leeward coast is Farrington Highway, which  
7 itself has been susceptible to numerous closures in the past;  
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10          WHEREAS, in the event of a disaster requiring the  
11 evacuation of the leeward coast during a closure of Farrington  
12 Highway, tens of thousands of civilian lives will be placed in  
13 harm's way; and  
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15          WHEREAS, the United States Navy Reservation at Lualualei,  
16 comprising 9,227 acres sheltered in Lualualei Valley, utilizes  
17 the only passage through the Waianae mountain range at Kolekole  
18 Pass, connecting the leeward coast with central Oahu; and  
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20          WHEREAS, the United States Navy maintains a number of  
21 buildings and facilities at its Lualualei Reservation including  
22 the Naval Magazine Lualualei that is used for the storage of  
23 ordnance needed for all of the United States military branches  
24 in Hawaii, housing roughly seventy-eight thousand tons of  
25 ammunitions and explosives, and the Naval Radio Transmitting  
26 Facility Lualualei that transmits state-of-the-art high and low  
27 frequency radio signals for the navigation of Navy vessels  
28 throughout the Pacific and is the primary Department of Defense  
29 long-range transmitter installation in Hawaii; and  
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31          WHEREAS, this body is interested in the feasibility of  
32 sharing some of the facilities at the naval reservation for



1 emergency shelter purposes during declared emergencies, now,  
2 therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2009, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to  
7 conduct a study to determine the feasibility of using the  
8 facilities at Lualualei, owned and operated by the United States  
9 Navy, as an emergency shelter for civilians during declared  
10 emergencies; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in its study the Bureau is  
13 requested to:  
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- 15 (1) Consider the feasibility of using the naval magazine  
16 and naval communications facilities in conjunction  
17 with emergency shelter uses during an emergency;  
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- 19 (2) Inventory the capacity and sufficiency of the  
20 facilities at Lualualei that may be used for emergency  
21 shelter facilities;  
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- 23 (3) Determine the logistical challenges to making all or  
24 part of the facilities available for civilian  
25 emergency shelter use;  
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- 27 (4) Review and consider the jurisdictional issues that  
28 need to be addressed and resolved to allow the use of  
29 the Navy's Lualualei facilities for civilian emergency  
30 shelter use;  
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- 32 (5) Determine the extent of and conditions that would be  
33 necessitated by any agreement between the State and  
34 the United States Navy for the use of Lualualei during  
35 any emergency, including but not limited to  
36 determining what event or declaration would be  
37 required to commence the use of the facilities;  
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- 39 (6) Consider the costs of using the existing facilities  
40 and any improvements that would be needed for the  
41 civilian emergency shelter use; and  
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