
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING
ALL RETAIL GASOLINE STATIONS IN THE STATE TO BE PRE-WIRED
FOR ELECTRICAL GENERATORS.

1 WHEREAS, natural disasters occur throughout the United
2 States; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 2005, Hurricane Katrina drew attention to many
5 inadequacies in public agencies' ability to respond to the
6 disaster and deliver relief; and

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8 WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina passed, electricity was
9 disrupted for weeks for homes, businesses, and government
10 offices throughout the affected areas of the Gulf Coast,
11 including gasoline stations; and

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13 WHEREAS, although gasoline stations' storage tanks were
14 stocked with fuel, there was no electricity to power the fuel
15 pumps, which hampered efforts to evacuate residents or transport
16 relief to the disaster zone; and

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18 WHEREAS, Florida, also frequently affected by hurricanes,
19 later responded to this by requiring gasoline stations
20 throughout the state to install wiring for electrical generators
21 that may be connected during a natural disaster; and

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23 WHEREAS, Florida's law also mandates new construction or
24 remodeling of gasoline stations to include the installation of a
25 transfer switch to use a generator, copies of the installation
26 documentation to be kept on site, and periodic testing of the
27 equipment; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's hurricane season each year puts it in
2 danger of possible devastation from a major storm; and

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4 WHEREAS, there are two hundred eighty-three retail gasoline
5 stations throughout Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, if Hawaii's retail gasoline stations were required
8 to have generators on hand or available for connection to
9 installed wiring within twenty-four hours of an emergency, this
10 would help ensure that gasoline stations would be able to
11 function if a hurricane or other disaster disrupted electricity,
12 and would allow residents to evacuate affected areas quickly and
13 return home safely; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2010, that the Civil Defense Division of the Department of
18 Defense is requested to prepare a report on the feasibility of
19 requiring all retail gasoline stations in the State to be pre-
20 wired for electrical generators; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
23 the report contain information relating to:

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25 (1) The estimated costs associated with the project;
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27 (2) Any federal homeland security funds or pre-disaster
28 funds that may be available to offset the costs; and
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30 (3) Availability of qualified persons and businesses in
31 Hawaii to prepare the installations and ongoing
32 periodic testing; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Civil Defense Division is
35 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the
36 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
37 the Regular Session of 2011; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General and



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1 the Director of the Civil Defense Division of the Department of
2 Defense.
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