
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE CIVIL DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE TO THE FEBRUARY, 2010 TSUNAMI THREAT.

1 WHEREAS, due to Hawaii's unique geographic location in the
2 Pacific Ocean, the State of Hawaii is at risk from tsunamis
3 caused by both distant or local teleseismic sources; and
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5 WHEREAS, on February 27, 2010, a tsunami warning was issued
6 for the State of Hawaii; and
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8 WHEREAS, in the event of a disaster, the role of the Hawaii
9 State Civil Defense Division is to direct and coordinate the
10 development and administration of the State's emergency
11 preparedness and response program to ensure prompt and effective
12 action whenever a natural or man-caused disaster threatens or
13 occurs anywhere in the State; and
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15 WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center
16 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa develops and delivers
17 disaster preparedness training to government, private, and non-
18 profit entities that incorporates urban planning with an
19 emphasis on community preparedness; and
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21 WHEREAS, a study to evaluate the Hawaii State Civil Defense
22 Division's coordinated response to the February, 2010 tsunami
23 threat will help improve the State's future emergency disaster
24 preparedness plan which includes the identification of hazards
25 and hazard impact zones, disaster mitigation policies,
26 requirements, incentives, and best responses; and
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28 WHEREAS, a study to evaluate the Hawaii State Civil Defense
29 Division's response to the February, 2010 tsunami threat would
30 provide added insight on ways to notify, prepare, and where



1 necessary, evacuate residents and save countless lives; 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 2010, the Senate concurring, that the National Disaster
7 Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii at
8 Manoa is requested to conduct a study on the Hawaii Civil
9 Defense Division's response to the February, 2010 tsunami
10 threat; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in its report, the National
13 Disaster Preparedness Training Center is requested to:

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15 (1) Review and cite the percentage of operating emergency
16 sirens that properly alerted residents to the tsunami
17 threat;
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19 (2) Review the availability and ease of access to updated
20 information on the tsunami threat and shelter
21 information that was provided to the public;
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23 (3) Evaluate the effectiveness of the evacuation
24 procedures, road closures, transportation of evacuees
25 to safe areas, available emergency personnel, and
26 supplies;
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28 (4) Evaluate the public utilities' responses to the
29 tsunami warning for utility and sewage treatment
30 plants in low-lying areas;
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32 (5) Review the development, coordination and execution by
33 local and state authorities of emergency response
34 plans and other activities in preparation for the
35 tsunami; and
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37 (6) Consider any other relevant issues that may be
38 important in improving the State's emergency and
39 disaster preparedness response to future disasters in
40 a manner that will minimize costs and protect the
41 interests of state residents and visitors, their
42 possessions, and pets, including plans to ensure the
43 reliability of communication networks and power
44 supplies for major state airports, health care



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1 facilities, disaster shelters, and other essential
2 services; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Disaster
5 Preparedness Training Center is requested to submit its findings
6 and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to
7 the Legislature, not later than twenty days prior to the
8 convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
12 Adjutant General, the Director of the Civil Defense Division,
13 and the Director of the National Disaster Preparedness Training
14 Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
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