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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
6 House of Representatives 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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