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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STREAM MAINTENANCE AND  
FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

1           WHEREAS, flooding is a major problem for various parts of  
2 the State, not only causing physical damage to structures, but  
3 also creating dangerous travel conditions that lead to road  
4 closures and the potential loss of life; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the flash flooding of Puuhulu Stream in Waianae  
7 Valley in December of 2008 and in January of 2011 caused  
8 significant erosion of the banks along the stream and property  
9 damage; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the lack of drainage has caused recurring flooding  
12 of the Lualualei Watershed in Waianae Valley, resulting in  
13 unsafe road conditions, flooded streets, homes, vegetable farms,  
14 ranches, hog farms, and flooding on the United States Navy  
15 facility at Lualualei; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the flash flooding along the Honouliuli Stream in  
18 Ewa in December of 2008 and January of 2011 resulted in water  
19 and debris sweeping through farms, ranches, and neighborhoods;  
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22           WHEREAS, the flash flooding along the Waiahole Stream in  
23 windward Oahu in December of 2008 and January of 2011 resulted  
24 in the continued erosion of stream banks and damage to private  
25 property, including repetitive damage to a plant nursery; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the flash flooding along the Kaukonahua Stream,  
28 Paukai Stream, Opaeha Stream, and Helemano Stream in the  
29 Waialua Watershed, north shore Oahu, in December 2008 continued  
30 damage that has included erosion of stream banks and damage to  
31 roads, homes, and businesses, and in 1974, the loss of life; and  
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33           WHEREAS, the flash flooding along the Hanalei River, Kauai  
34 County, in 2010 resulted in the breach of stream banks, causing



1 a diversion away from the irrigation systems on which taro farms  
2 depend; and

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4 WHEREAS, addressing the State's flood concerns requires a  
5 coordinated effort among private property owners and state,  
6 county, and federal agencies, along with necessary funding; now,  
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,  
11 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested  
12 to convene a task force to develop a stream maintenance and  
13 flood hazard mitigation plan; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include:

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17 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
18 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;  
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20 (2) The Director of Civil Defense, or the Director's  
21 designee;  
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23 (3) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
24 designee;  
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26 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the  
27 Chairperson's designee;  
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29 (5) A representative from the United States Army Corps of  
30 Engineers;  
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32 (6) A representative from the United States Army Pacific;  
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34 (7) A representative from the United States Department of  
35 Agriculture;  
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37 (8) The Director of Emergency Management, City and County  
38 of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;  
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40 (9) The Director of Facility Maintenance, City and County  
41 of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;  
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43 (10) The Director of Transportation Services, City and  
44 County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;



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- 2 (11) The Director of Design and Construction, City and
- 3 County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;
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- 5 (12) The Director of Planning and Permitting, City and
- 6 County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;
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- 8 (13) The Director of Environmental Services, City and
- 9 County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee; and
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- 11 (14) The Chairperson of the Board of Water Supply, City and
- 12 County of Honolulu, or the Chairperson's designee; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
15 develop environmental, engineering, and functional solutions to  
16 address short-term and long-term flooding issues in a  
17 coordinated effort on an ongoing basis; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
20 explore funding options to address the State's flood concerns;  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
24 report to the Legislature its findings and recommendations,  
25 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days  
26 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Civil Defense, the  
30 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the  
31 Director of Transportation; the Chairperson of the Board of  
32 Agriculture; the Commander of the United States Army Corps of  
33 Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division; the Commander of the United  
34 States Army Pacific; the Secretary of the United States  
35 Department of Agriculture; the Mayor of the City and County of  
36 Honolulu; the Director of Emergency Management, City and County  
37 of Honolulu; the Director of Facility Maintenance, City and  
38 County of Honolulu; the Director of Transportation Services,  
39 City and County of Honolulu; the Director of Design and  
40 Construction, City and County of Honolulu; the Director of  
41 Planning and Permitting, City and County of Honolulu; the  
42 Director of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu;

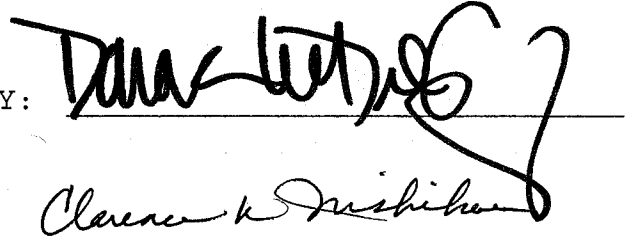
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1 and the Chairperson of the Board of Water Supply, City and  
2 County of Honolulu.

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