
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GRANTS MANAGEMENT
OFFICE TO ASSIST IN THE PURSUIT OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AN
EMERGENCY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PILOT PROJECT FOR MOLOKAI.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is vulnerable to natural disasters and
2 weather extremes including floods, hurricanes, tidal waves,
3 tsunamis, high surf, earthquakes, mudslides, and volcanic
4 activity; and
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6 WHEREAS, sufficient planning for natural disasters promotes
7 public safety and potentially saves lives; and
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9 WHEREAS, the island of Molokai may be particularly
10 vulnerable to natural disasters: when a tsunami hit Hawaii in
11 2011, twenty-five out of the twenty-nine damage cases in Maui
12 County were from Molokai; and
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14 WHEREAS, Molokai's isolation and rural character may
15 contribute to its vulnerability; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Molokai Emergency Preparedness Action
18 Committee is working on a plan to address the needs of residents
19 and visitors should a disaster strike on Molokai; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Molokai Emergency Preparedness Action
22 Committee needs funds for essential supplies, emergency
23 equipment, and facilities improvements for disaster shelters in
24 connection with an emergency disaster preparedness pilot project
25 for Molokai; and
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27 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security
28 oversees the Emergency Management Performance Grants Program
29 that assists local, tribal, territorial, and state governments
30 in building and sustaining all-hazards emergency management
31 capabilities; and



1 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2013, the United States Department
2 of Homeland Security allocated a total of \$3,366,476 to various
3 emergency management efforts in Hawaii under the Emergency
4 Management Performance Grants Program; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Defense Grants Management
7 Office is responsible for administering the Homeland Security
8 grant programs, including by applying for and distributing funds
9 through the federal Emergency Management Performance Grants
10 Program; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
14 Session of 2014, that the Hawaii Department of Defense Grants
15 Management Office is requested to apply to the United States
16 Department of Homeland Security for an Emergency Management
17 Performance Grant for fiscal year 2014 that will pay for
18 planning, supplies, equipment, and facilities improvements for
19 disaster shelters in connection with an emergency disaster
20 preparedness pilot project for Molokai; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Department of
23 Defense Grants Management Office, with assistance from the
24 County of Maui and Maui Civil Defense Agency, is requested to
25 explore the availability of and assist in applying for any other
26 appropriate federal grants to help fund an emergency disaster
27 preparedness pilot project for Molokai; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Secretary of the United
31 States Department of Homeland Security, Adjutant General of the
32 Hawaii Department of Defense, Mayor of the County of Maui, and
33 Emergency Management Officer of the County of Maui.
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