
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO IDENTIFY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FACILITIES THAT CAN BE USED AS EMERGENCY SHELTERS DURING A NATURAL DISASTER ON MOLOKAI.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is vulnerable to natural disasters and
2 extreme weather 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 a natural disaster in
7 Hawaii can ensure public safety and save lives; and
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9 WHEREAS, Molokai may be particularly vulnerable to certain
10 types of disasters: when a tsunami hit the State of Hawaii in
11 2011, twenty-five out of the twenty-nine damage claim cases in
12 the County of Maui were from Molokai; and
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14 WHEREAS, Molokai's relative isolation and rural character
15 may increase its vulnerability; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Molokai Emergency Action Committee is
18 currently working on a plan to address the needs of residents
19 and visitors in case of a natural disaster on Molokai; and
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21 WHEREAS, one of the keys to planning for a natural disaster
22 on Molokai is identifying facilities that can be used as
23 emergency shelters; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the County of Maui
26 have the personnel, facilities, knowledge, and relationships to
27 work with various parties to identify Department of Education
28 facilities that can be used as emergency shelters during a
29 natural disaster on Molokai and to determine whether those
30 facilities require any improvements to be suitable for shelter
31 use; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2014, that the Department of Education, with
4 assistance from the County of Maui, is requested to:

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- 6 (1) Identify and list the Department of Education
7 facilities that can be used as emergency shelters
8 during a natural disaster on Molokai;
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- 10 (2) Identify and describe any deficiencies that would
11 jeopardize the health and safety of individuals
12 seeking shelter at the listed facilities as well as
13 required improvements to make the facilities suitable
14 for emergency shelter use; and
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- 16 (3) Submit the list of all identified facilities along
17 with findings and recommendations on the deficiencies
18 and required improvements to the Legislature no later
19 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
20 Session of 2015; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
24 Education; Superintendent of Education; Mayor of the County of
25 Maui; Adjutant General; and the Emergency Management Officer of
26 the Maui County Civil Defense Agency.
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