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## SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND HAWAII STATE  
CIVIL DEFENSE TO PROMOTE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS THROUGH  
MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS AND INTEROPERABILITY PLANS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii has experienced a range of climate and  
2 hydrological hazards, seismic and geological hazards, and  
3 technological hazards that have resulted in great costs to  
4 lives, property, and the economy of the State; and

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6           WHEREAS, disasters such as tsunamis, hurricanes, volcanic  
7 eruptions and ash, wildfires, flooding, and drought all have  
8 serious implications for individual safety, health, livelihoods,  
9 and the state economy; and

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11           WHEREAS, hazard mitigation is sustained action taken to  
12 reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property  
13 from hazards; and

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15           WHEREAS, hazard mitigation requires identifying risks and  
16 vulnerabilities associated with emergencies, and developing  
17 long-term strategies for protecting people and property from  
18 future hazard events; and

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20           WHEREAS, hazard mitigation plans offer a strategy for  
21 breaking the cycle of natural disaster damage, reconstruction,  
22 and repeated damage, and a framework for developing feasible and  
23 cost-effective mitigation projects; and

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25           WHEREAS, history shows that the physical, financial, and  
26 emotional losses caused by disasters can be reduced  
27 significantly through hazard mitigation planning; and

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29           WHEREAS, successful emergency response plans require  
30 interoperability; and

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32           WHEREAS, interoperability is the ability of emergency  
33 management and response personnel and their affiliated  
34 organizations to communicate within and across disciplines and



1 jurisdictions via voice, data, or video to exchange information  
2 with one another on demand and in real time, when needed; and  
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4 WHEREAS, efficient emergency management and incident  
5 response operations require the continuous flow of critical  
6 information among jurisdictions, disciplines, organizations, and  
7 agencies; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the lack of interoperability leads to unnecessary  
10 loss of lives, property, and environmental stability; and  
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12 WHEREAS, interoperability plans should include  
13 considerations of governance, standard operating procedures,  
14 technology, training and exercises, and usage within the context  
15 of the stress and chaos of a major response effort; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the State demonstrated its commitment to reducing  
18 the loss of life and minimizing property damage during disasters  
19 by adopting the 2010 State of Hawaii Multi-Hazard Mitigation  
20 Plan, which establishes criteria for developing local hazard  
21 mitigation plans for the State and each county; and  
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23 WHEREAS, some state institutions such as the University of  
24 Hawaii have already implemented multi-hazard mitigation plans;  
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27 WHEREAS, high rise management associations should  
28 effectuate emergency preparedness plans because of the high  
29 volume of residents in such buildings; and  
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31 WHEREAS, schools should be highly prepared for emergencies  
32 to protect Hawaii's students; and  
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34 WHEREAS, hospitals should have strong emergency  
35 preparedness to ensure the safety and health of patients; and  
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37 WHEREAS, it is important for assisted care facilities,  
38 nursing homes, and all facilities that provide care for elderly  
39 or disabled individuals to adequately prepare for emergencies  
40 due to the vulnerable individuals that they house; now,  
41 therefore,  
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43 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
44 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,



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1 that the Hawaii Department of Defense and Hawaii State Civil  
 2 Defense are encouraged to promote emergency preparedness through  
 3 multi-hazard mitigation plans and interoperability plans; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Department of  
 6 Defense and Hawaii State Civil Defense are encouraged to ensure  
 7 that all high rise management associations, schools, hospitals,  
 8 assisted care facilities, nursing homes, and other facilities  
 9 that provide care for elderly or disabled individuals have  
 10 multi-hazard mitigation and interoperability plans in place; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General.  
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