
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT SIMULATION EXERCISE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the most isolated community in the world
2 with its nearest neighbor no less than 2,200 miles away; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State is largely dependent on sea and air
5 transportation for the importation of goods, including
6 agricultural products, and depends heavily on cyberspace for the
7 exchange of information; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii has never experienced a major disaster that
10 has simultaneously affected critical sectors of the community
11 such as government, first responders, military, sea and air
12 transportation, finance, commerce, medical services, and
13 agriculture or a disaster event that affected the entire
14 community over an extended period of time; and
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16 WHEREAS, if such a major disaster were to occur, it is
17 unclear whether the State will have the resiliency to overcome
18 it in a timely, efficient, and safe manner; and
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20 WHEREAS, every year, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
21 of the State Department of Defense holds a statewide hurricane
22 preparedness exercise called Makani Palihi to evaluate the
23 resiliency of the State in the face of a hurricane; and
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25 WHEREAS, in the past, these Makani Palihi exercises have
26 not considered the effects of other types of major disasters,
27 widespread devastation, or effects on multiple sectors of the
28 community; and
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30 WHEREAS, the resiliency of the State after a major disaster
31 is dependent on all sectors of the community working and
32 communicating together to effectuate an efficient, timely, and
33 safe recovery; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2016, that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency of
4 the Department of Defense, with cooperation from the Pacific
5 Forum Center for Strategic and International Studies and the
6 Department of Health, is urged to develop and implement a
7 statewide emergency management simulation exercise that includes
8 all sectors of the community; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management
11 Agency shall submit a report on its findings and
12 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
13 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 the Regular Session of 2017; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Adjutant General,
18 the Director of Health, and the President of the Pacific Forum
19 Center for Strategic and International Studies.

