
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO MODERNIZE ITS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
PLANS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii faces increased risks from natural and man-
2 made disasters mainly because of environmental climate changes
3 and geopolitical conflicts; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's prime location in the middle of the
6 Pacific Ocean and its abundance of military commands, including
7 the United States Pacific Command, which is responsible for
8 military operations in an area covering more than half of the
9 earth's surface, makes the State a strategic target; and
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11 WHEREAS, nuclear arms experts recently said that North
12 Korea already has, or may soon have, the ability to target
13 Hawaii with a nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missile
14 with possibly the same destructive force as the 15-kiloton and
15 20-kiloton bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki,
16 respectively, according to a Honolulu Star-Advertiser article;
17 and
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19 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that airborne
20 electromagnetic pulses radiating from a nuclear disaster may
21 have a radius of approximately 1,500 miles and could adversely
22 affect the operation of electronic devices statewide, rendering
23 many of these devices unusable; and
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25 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has warned that the United
26 States may take unilateral action against North Korea unless
27 China does more to help the United States rein in North Korea's
28 nuclear program; and
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30 WHEREAS, under the current state of geopolitical tensions
31 affecting the United States, it is in the best interest of
32 Hawaii to prepare for a nuclear disaster by updating its fallout



1 shelter plans, including identifying useable fallout shelters
2 and upgrading outdated fallout shelters; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that in 1981, Oahu had
5 hundreds of fallout shelters with many stocked with medical
6 kits, food, and sanitary kits, but eventually funding stopped,
7 stocks were discarded, and existing fallout shelter markings
8 became outdated and no longer applicable; and
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10 WHEREAS, in addition, if a natural or man-made disaster
11 were to strike Hawaii's cargo shipping harbors, the State would
12 suffer great hardship since most of the State's food and other
13 supplies arrive by ship; and
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15 WHEREAS, on Oahu, an emergency backup container lay down
16 area should be available in case Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard,
17 Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor, or any other major harbor capable
18 of handling shipped cargo is severely damaged and unusable; and
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20 WHEREAS, the proposed redevelopment of Aloha Stadium in
21 Halawa provides a good opportunity to build a reinforced stadium
22 parking lot that may serve as the emergency backup container lay
23 down area that is centrally located, accessible by tractor
24 trailers, equipped with additional power generators, and capable
25 of holding shipping containers, withstanding heavy machinery,
26 and accommodating harbor employees; and
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28 WHEREAS, it is also important for the State to identify an
29 alternate long-term port that may be on a neighbor island to be
30 used as an emergency backup port if a natural or man-made
31 disaster impacts major harbors; and
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33 WHEREAS, an effective and modernized disaster preparedness
34 plan should have input from various stakeholders, including
35 those from the government, emergency and civil defense agencies,
36 maritime and shipping industry, and other relevant personnel;
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39 WHEREAS, preparing for natural and man-made disasters is
40 important to the State and taking early precautions can save
41 lives and protect property; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
4 Defense, with assistance from relevant stakeholders, is
5 requested to modernize its disaster preparedness plans; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to
8 update its fallout shelter plans in case of a nuclear disaster
9 by:

- 10 (1) Identifying the locations of usable fallout shelters;
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- 12 (2) Upgrading outdated fallout shelters; and
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- 14 (3) Updating fallout signage and markings, restocking
- 15 fallout shelter provisions, and conducting public
- 16 awareness campaigns to ready the public for a nuclear
- 17 disaster; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to
21 include in its proposed Aloha Stadium redevelopment plans a
22 reinforced stadium parking lot that may serve as an emergency
23 backup container lay down area that is accessible by tractor
24 trailers, equipped with additional power generators to power
25 refrigerated shipping containers and emergency equipment, and
26 capable of holding shipping containers, withstanding heavy
27 machinery, and accommodating harbor employees; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to
30 identify an alternate long-term port that may be on a neighbor
31 island to be used as an emergency backup port if a natural or
32 man-made disaster impacts major harbors; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Defense, with
35 assistance from relevant stakeholders, is requested to report
36 its findings and recommendations on modernizing the State's
37 disaster preparedness plan, including any proposed legislation,
38 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
39 convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States



1 Secretary of Homeland Security, Commander of the United States
2 Pacific Command, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard,
3 Acting National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
4 Administrator, Governor, Adjutant General, Hawaii Fusion Center
5 Coordinator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency administrator
6 and Executive Officer, Director of Transportation, the mayors of
7 each of the counties, President of the International Longshore
8 and Warehouse Union, and Chairperson of the Stadium Authority.

