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# 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;  
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19           WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has warned that the United  
20 States may take unilateral action against North Korea unless  
21 China does more to help the United States rein in North Korea's  
22 nuclear program; and  
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24           WHEREAS, under the current state of geopolitical tensions  
25 affecting the United States, it is in the best interest of  
26 Hawaii to prepare for a nuclear disaster by updating its fallout  
27 shelter plans, including identifying useable fallout shelters  
28 and upgrading outdated fallout shelters; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that in 1981, Oahu had  
31 hundreds of fallout shelters with many stocked with medical  
32 kits, food, and sanitary kits, but eventually funding stopped,



1 stocks were discarded, and existing fallout shelter markings  
2 became outdated and no longer applicable; and  
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4 WHEREAS, in addition, if a natural or man-made disaster  
5 were to strike Hawaii's cargo shipping harbors, the State would  
6 suffer great hardship since most of the State's food and other  
7 supplies arrive by ship; and  
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9 WHEREAS, on Oahu, an emergency backup harbor yard should be  
10 available in case Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Kalaeloa Barbers  
11 Point Harbor, or any other major harbor capable of handling  
12 shipped cargo is severely damaged and unusable; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the proposed redevelopment of Aloha Stadium in  
15 Halawa provides a good opportunity to build a reinforced stadium  
16 parking lot that may serve as the emergency backup harbor yard  
17 that is centrally located, accessible by tractor trailers, and  
18 capable of holding shipping containers, withstanding heavy  
19 machinery, and accommodating harbor employees; and  
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21 WHEREAS, an effective and modernized disaster preparedness  
22 plan should have input from various stakeholders, including  
23 those from the government, emergency and civil defense agencies,  
24 maritime and shipping industry, and other relevant personnel;  
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27 WHEREAS, preparing for natural and man-made disasters is  
28 important to the State and taking early precautions can save  
29 lives and protect property; now, therefore,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
34 Defense, with assistance from relevant stakeholders, is  
35 requested to modernize its disaster preparedness plans; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to  
38 update its fallout shelter plans in case of a nuclear disaster  
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- 41 (1) Identifying the locations of usable fallout shelters;



- 1 (2) Upgrading outdated fallout shelters; and
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- 3 (3) Updating fallout signage and markings, restocking
- 4 fallout shelter provisions, and conducting public
- 5 awareness campaigns to ready the public for a nuclear
- 6 disaster; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to  
9 include in its proposed Aloha Stadium redevelopment plans a  
10 reinforced stadium parking lot that may serve as an emergency  
11 backup harbor yard that is accessible by tractor trailers, and  
12 capable of holding shipping containers, withstanding heavy  
13 machinery, and accommodating harbor employees; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Defense, with  
16 assistance from relevant stakeholders, is requested to report  
17 its findings and recommendations on modernizing the State's  
18 disaster resilience plan, including any proposed legislation, to  
19 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
20 of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commandant of the  
24 United States Coast Guard, Acting National Oceanic and  
25 Atmospheric Administration Administrator, Governor, Adjutant  
26 General, Director of Transportation, the mayors of each of the  
27 counties, President of the International Longshore and Warehouse  
28 Union, and Chairperson of the Stadium Authority.

