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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO INCLUDE IN ITS LIST OF FIRST RESPONDERS A NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS CONTRACTED TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND ICE TO CITIZENS DURING A NATURAL DISASTER.

WHEREAS, Hawaii faces an elevated risk of harm from natural 1 2 disasters primarily because of the State's location in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and the detrimental effects of 3 4 climate change; and 5 6 WHEREAS, in the event of a natural disaster, Hawaii's 7 residents need to be adequately supplied with food and supplies 8 because aid may not be immediately available; and 9 10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Department of Defense recommends that residents have an emergency preparedness kit that has at 11 least fourteen days of food, water, and medications, among other 12 necessities, in preparation for a hurricane, tsunami, or other 13 natural disaster; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Department of Defense specifically recommends one gallon of water per person per day 17 for drinking and sanitation; and 18 19 WHEREAS, while first responders provide valuable assistance 20 at the scene of a disaster, these specialized workers are 21 generally paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police 22 officers, firefighters, rescuers, and other specially trained 23 individuals who are not required or equipped to provide large 24 25 amounts of food, water, and medications to residents; and 26 27 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to proactively prepare for natural disasters, including by securing 28 29 a strong network of relief supply organizations to ensure that

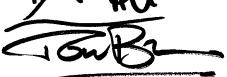


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1	affected residents have access to food, water, and supplies;
2 3	now, therefore,
4 5 6 7 8 9	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the State is requested to include in its list of first responders a network of organizations contracted to immediately provide food, beverages, and ice to residents during a natural disaster; and
10 11 12 13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is requested to:
13 14 15 16 17	(1) Develop a list of organizations willing to contract with the State to immediately provide food, beverages, and ice to residents during a natural disaster; and
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	(2) Submit the list of organizations with the Agency's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Adjutant General, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency Administrator and Executive Officer, Director of Transportation, the Mayors of each of the counties, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii.
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