

---

---

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
ESTABLISH THE MANOA VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION TASK FORCE TO  
RESEARCH AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FLOOD MITIGATION FOR  
MANOA VALLEY.

1           WHEREAS, on October 30, 2004, heavy thundershowers flooded  
2 Manoa Stream, catching trees, cars, and debris; and

3

4           WHEREAS, a rain gauge at Lyon Arboretum in Manoa Valley  
5 report 8.36 inches of rain in six hours; and

6

7           WHEREAS, the Manoa Stream overflowed, causing water to  
8 spill into the valley, flooding the neighborhood, Noelani  
9 Elementary School, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and

10

11           WHEREAS, the flood damaged forty University of Hawaii  
12 buildings, causing an estimated \$100,000,000 in damages to the  
13 buildings themselves, the buildings' contents, and intellectual  
14 property housed there; and

15

16           WHEREAS, following the flood, the United States Army Corps  
17 of Engineers analyzed Manoa Stream and found that the streambed  
18 had insufficient capacity to contain the flood waters; and

19

20           WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has  
21 been developing a project to remove the sediment of Manoa Stream  
22 for the purpose of increasing the stream's capacity to contain  
23 flood waters; and

24

25           WHEREAS, after conducting community outreach for the  
26 proposed project, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
27 has temporarily paused construction on the project in light of  
28 concerns expressed by Manoa residents now, therefore,

29



# H.C.R. NO. 160

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
3 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
4 Natural Resources is requested to establish a Manoa Valley Flood  
5 Mitigation Task Force; and

6  
7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
8 research and make recommendations on flood mitigation for Manoa  
9 Valley; and

10  
11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
12 Land and Natural Resources or the Chairperson's designee is  
13 requested to serve as the chair of the task force; and

14  
15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
16 include:

- 17  
18 (1) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
19 designee;  
20  
21 (2) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;  
22  
23 (3) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa,  
24 or the Chancellor's designee;  
25  
26 (4) The Chief Engineer of the City and County of Honolulu,  
27 or the Chief Engineer's designee;  
28  
29 (5) The Director of Transportation Services of the City  
30 and County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;  
31  
32 (6) The Director of Planning and Permitting of the City  
33 and County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;  
34  
35 (7) The Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water  
36 Supply of the City and County of Honolulu, or the  
37 Manager and Chief Engineer's designee;  
38  
39 (8) A member of the Senate whose district includes at  
40 least a portion of Manoa, who shall be appointed by  
41 the Senate President;  
42



# H.C.R. NO. 160

1           (9) A member of the House of Representatives whose  
 2           district includes at least a portion of Manoa, who  
 3           shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
 4           Representatives; and  
 5

6           (10) A member of the Honolulu City Council whose district  
 7           includes at least a portion of Manoa, who shall be  
 8           appointed by the Chair of the Honolulu City Council;  
 9           and  
 10

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
 12 Land and Natural Resources is requested to invite the following  
 13 individuals to become members of the task force:  
 14

15           (1) A representative from the United States Army Corps of  
 16           Engineers;  
 17

18           (2) A representative from the Flood Mitigation Assistance  
 19           Grant Program of the Federal Emergency Management  
 20           Agency; and  
 21

22           (3) Any other individual whose membership, in the opinion  
 23           of the Chairperson, would provide a benefit to the  
 24           task force; and  
 25

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members shall  
 27           serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel  
 28           and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
 29           their official duties; and  
 30

31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force who  
 32           are public officers or employees shall receive no additional  
 33           compensation for service on the task force beyond their normal  
 34           compensation; and  
 35

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member of the task force  
 37           shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
 38           solely because of that member's participation on the task force;  
 39           and  
 40



