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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO  
EVALUATE AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SOURCES AND MEANS OF  
FUNDING AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR AND HELP MAINTAIN  
THE HAWAII WILDLIFE CENTER FACILITY AND HAWAII'S ENDANGERED  
WILDLIFE.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii has the largest concentration of endangered  
2 and threatened species in the world, a majority of which are  
3 birds; and  
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5           WHEREAS, more than two-thirds of the various types of  
6 endemic Hawaiian birds are already extinct and over eighty  
7 percent of the remaining types are threatened with extinction;  
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10           WHEREAS, oil- and fuel-related spills affecting Hawaii's  
11 native wildlife have occurred in the past and will occur in the  
12 future; and  
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14           WHEREAS, oiled wildlife response is a critical public  
15 service that requires extensive experience, wildlife  
16 rehabilitation permits, and the appropriate hazardous materials  
17 safety training and certification; and  
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19           WHEREAS, successful emergency responses to oil- or fuel-  
20 related disasters require a facility that provides efficient and  
21 state-of-the-art wildlife care; controls, handles, and tracks  
22 animals and hazardous waste; and ensures the safety of everyone  
23 working with oiled wildlife; and  
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25           WHEREAS, successful emergency responses to wildlife  
26 affected by oil- or fuel-related disasters rely on the  
27 availability of facilities, systems, and protocols that are



1 already in place, so response can begin immediately after an  
2 event occurs; and

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4 WHEREAS, without a response facility in place, public  
5 safety would be compromised due to potential exposure to  
6 hazardous petroleum products because of improper handling of  
7 affected wildlife; and

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9 WHEREAS, without a response facility in place, Hawaii's  
10 native wildlife would suffer and accidents affecting them would  
11 result in a higher mortality rate; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Wildlife Center already serves as a  
14 critical emergency response facility for the training of  
15 response personnel and volunteers, and for the rehabilitation of  
16 injured, sick, and contaminated wildlife throughout the Pacific  
17 Islands region; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Wildlife Center is the only native  
20 wildlife emergency response and rehabilitation facility in the  
21 State and in the Pacific Islands region that meets all federal  
22 and state standards for accommodating large-scale rescue and  
23 rehabilitation efforts targeting sick, injured, or oiled  
24 wildlife; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Hawaii Wildlife  
27 Center provides a critical public service that serves the  
28 purpose of protecting the public and Hawaii's vulnerable  
29 endangered wildlife; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Wildlife Center facility provides a  
32 critical public service to the State of Hawaii but does not  
33 receive any operational funding assistance from the State or  
34 federal government; now, therefore,

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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
37 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
38 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is  
39 requested to convene a task force to evaluate and identify  
40 potential sources and means of funding available to provide  
41 support and help maintain the Hawaii Wildlife Center facility



1 for the purpose of providing a critical public service to  
2 protect the public and Hawaii's endangered wildlife; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, or the  
5 Director's designee, is requested to serve as the chair of the  
6 task force, and that the task force be comprised of:  
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- 8 (1) One member to be appointed by the President of the  
9 Senate;
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11 (2) One member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
12 of Representatives;
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14 (3) One member representing the Hawaii Wildlife Center;
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16 (4) The State On-Scene Coordinator of the Department of  
17 Health's Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response  
18 Office;
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20 (5) The Wildlife Program Manager of the Department of Land  
21 and Natural Resource's Division of Forestry and  
22 Wildlife;
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24 (6) The Commander of United States Coast Guard Sector  
25 Honolulu; and
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27 (7) A contaminant biologist from the United States Fish  
28 and Wildlife Service; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
31 evaluate the appropriate level of funding and the potential use  
32 of the environmental response revolving fund established under  
33 section 128D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to help maintain the  
34 Hawaii Wildlife Center facility; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
37 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
38 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
39 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
40 2020; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
 3 Deputy Director for Environmental Health Administration,  
 4 Administrator of the Department of Land and Natural Resource's  
 5 Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Commander of the United  
 6 States Coast Guard District 14, Director of the United States  
 7 Fish and Wildlife Service, and President and Center Director of  
 8 the Hawaii Wildlife Center.

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