
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH A HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE 2018 VOLCANIC DISASTER.

1 WHEREAS, in May 2018, the worst volcanic disaster in
2 Hawaii's history destroyed over seven hundred homes in the Puna
3 district of the County of Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of the homes affected by the volcanic
6 disaster are now inaccessible or completely destroyed, and
7 residents are facing extraordinary challenges; and
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9 WHEREAS, reimbursements received from the Federal Emergency
10 Management Agency have not been sufficient for affected
11 residents to cover the cost of purchasing a new home or
12 rebuilding; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
16 2019, that the County of Hawaii is urged to use funds received
17 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State to
18 establish a housing assistance plan for residents affected by
19 volcanic disaster; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in establishing a housing
22 assistance plan, the County of Hawaii is urged to consider:
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24 (1) Providing property tax relief to residents who own
25 real property that is inaccessible or was destroyed by
26 the 2018 volcanic disaster;
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28 (2) Providing tax breaks on property purchased in the
29 County of Hawaii to replace real property rendered
30 unusable by the 2018 volcanic disaster;
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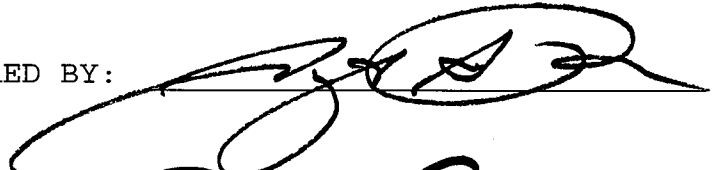


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- 1 (3) Offering low-interest loans for residents who rebuild
- 2 their homes that were damaged or destroyed by the 2018
- 3 volcanic disaster or purchase real property elsewhere
- 4 in Hawaii; or
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- 6 (4) Other housing relief options for residents so
- 7 affected; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

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13 OFFERED BY:



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