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## HOUSE 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

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of



1 2019, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is  
2 requested to establish a Manoa Valley Flood Mitigation Task  
3 Force; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
6 research and make recommendations on flood mitigation for Manoa  
7 Valley; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
10 Land and Natural Resources or the Chairperson's designee is  
11 requested to serve as the chair of the task force; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
14 include:  
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- 16 (1) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
17 designee;
- 18 (2) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
- 19 (3) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa,  
20 or the Chancellor's designee;
- 21 (4) The Chief Engineer of the City and County of Honolulu,  
22 or the Chief Engineer's designee;
- 23 (5) The Director of Transportation Services of the City  
24 and County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;
- 25 (6) The Director of Planning and Permitting of the City  
26 and County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;
- 27 (7) The Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water  
28 Supply of the City and County of Honolulu, or the  
29 Manager and Chief Engineer's designee;
- 30 (8) A member of the Senate whose district includes at  
31 least a portion of Manoa, who shall be appointed by  
32 the Senate President;
- 33 (9) A member of the House of Representatives whose  
34 district includes at least a portion of Manoa, who  
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1 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives; and

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

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

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13 (1) A representative from the United States Army Corps of  
14 Engineers;  
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16 (2) A representative from the Flood Mitigation Assistance  
17 Grant Program of the Federal Emergency Management  
18 Agency; and  
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20 (3) Any other individual whose membership, in the opinion  
21 of the Chairperson, would provide a benefit to the  
22 task force; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members shall  
25 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel  
26 and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
27 their official duties; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force who  
30 are public officers or employees shall receive no additional  
31 compensation for service on the task force beyond their normal  
32 compensation; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member of the task force  
35 shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
36 solely because of that member's participation on the task force;  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
40 Natural Resources is requested to provide administrative support  
41 to the task force; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that task force is requested to  
2 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
3 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature and the Honolulu  
4 City Council no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
5 the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall cease to  
8 exist on June 30, 2020; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to Federal Emergency Management Agency  
12 Region 9 Regional Administrator, United States Army Corps of  
13 Engineers District Commander of the Honolulu District,  
14 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director  
15 of Transportation, Comptroller, Chancellor of the University of  
16 Hawaii at Manoa, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
17 President of the Senate, Chief Engineer of the City and County  
18 of Honolulu, Director of Transportation Services of the City and  
19 County of Honolulu, Director of Planning and Permitting of the  
20 City and County of Honolulu, Manager and Chief Engineer of the  
21 Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu, and  
22 Chair of the Honolulu City Council.

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