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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CREATE A COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ALONG THE WAIANAЕ COAST.

1 WHEREAS, it is necessary for government agencies to plan
2 for responses to natural and human-caused emergencies, including
3 but not limited to emergencies resulting from tsunamis,
4 wildfires, hurricanes, and hazardous material leaks and spills;
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii is unique in its emergency management
8 situation due to its remote and isolated locale in the northern
9 Pacific Ocean; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Waianae coast is particularly isolated due to
12 its geographic location on the west side of Oahu with a four-
13 lane highway serving as the only entrance and exit in and out of
14 the community, which stretches twelve miles from Nanakuli to
15 Kaena Point; and

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17 WHEREAS, the forty-eight thousand community members of the
18 Waianae coast are served by just one primary emergency medical
19 center, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, with
20 Queen's Medical Center-West Oahu located approximately twenty
21 miles from the Makaha and Makua areas; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Waianae coast has seen extreme weather before,
24 including in 1996 where a fifteen-day rain event produced
25 twenty-four inches of rain in Makaha Valley where annual
26 rainfall normally ranges from twenty to forty inches, and in
27 December 2008, where a storm produced twelve inches of rain
28 within one day causing Farrington Highway to be impassable for
29 several hours; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
33 that the City and County of Honolulu and Department of Emergency
34 Management of the City and County of Honolulu are requested to



1 create a community resilience plan for disaster preparedness
2 along the Waianae coast; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waianae coast resilience
5 plan is requested to:
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7 (1) Be community-based and developed in collaboration with
8 local businesses and residents;
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10 (2) Inventory all services, tools, food, shelter, water,
11 medicines, and other resources available that would
12 enable the community to be self-sufficient for a
13 period of three days; and
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15 (3) Be developed in consultation with the Hawaii Emergency
16 Management Agency; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
20 Honolulu and Director of the Department of Emergency Management
21 of the City and County of Honolulu.
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OFFERED BY: _____

