
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII
FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL.

1 WHEREAS, first responders often run toward emergencies and
2 disasters as others are fleeing toward safety; and
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4 WHEREAS, first responders in Hawaii serve the community
5 courageously and heroically; and
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7 WHEREAS, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in
8 Emmitsburg, Maryland, honors twenty-two firefighters from
9 Hawaii--twelve from the Honolulu Fire Department, one from the
10 Hawaii Fire Department, one from the Maui County Department of
11 Fire and Public Safety, one from the Kauai Fire Department, one
12 from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of
13 Land and Natural Resources, three from the Pearl Harbor Naval
14 Base, and three from the Hawaii Firefighters Association; and
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16 WHEREAS, according to the United States Fire Administration
17 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, ten firefighters in
18 Hawaii have died in the line of duty--four from the Honolulu
19 Fire Department, one from the Hawaii Fire Department, two from
20 the Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety, one from
21 the Kauai Fire Department, one from the Division of Forestry and
22 Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and
23 one from the federal fire department; and
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25 WHEREAS, six paramedics, two medical flight nurses, and
26 four medical flight pilots from Hawaii have died in the line of
27 duty; and
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29 WHEREAS, the National EMS Memorial Foundation seeks to
30 establish a permanent National EMS Memorial; and
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1 WHEREAS, in February 2010, the Hawaii Law Enforcement
2 Memorial Foundation was formed to design, construct, and
3 maintain a monument to honor law enforcement officers from city,
4 county, state, military, and federal agencies who have died in
5 the line of duty, while serving the people of Hawaii; and
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7 WHEREAS, a similar, appropriate memorial to honor Hawaii
8 first responders should be located in the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, with the construction of a Hawaii First Responders
11 Memorial, the State, along with the families, friends, and loved
12 ones of fallen first responders, will forever honor their lives,
13 which were selflessly given in service to the people of Hawaii;
14 now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
18 Session of 2024, that the Department of Accounting and General
19 Services is requested to establish a working group to plan and
20 construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
23 to consist of:
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- 25 (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, who is
26 requested to serve as chairperson of the working
27 group;
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- 29 (2) The fire chiefs of the Honolulu Fire Department,
30 Hawaii Fire Department, Maui County Department of Fire
31 and Public Safety, and Kauai Fire Department, or their
32 respective designees;
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- 34 (3) The Chief of Ocean Safety of the City and County of
35 Honolulu, a representative of the Hawaii Fire
36 Department with experience in ocean safety, the Chief
37 of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Maui County
38 Department of Fire and Public Safety, and the head of
39 the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department,
40 or their respective designees;
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- 1 (4) The Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services
2 Department, or the Director's designee;
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4 (5) A representative of American Medical Response in
5 Hawaii;
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7 (6) The President of the Hawaii Firefighters Association,
8 Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, or the President's
9 designee;
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11 (7) The State Director of the United Public Workers,
12 AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO, or the State Director's
13 designee;
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15 (8) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Government
16 Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, or
17 the Executive Director's designee; and
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19 (9) Two family members of fallen first responders, to be
20 invited by the chairperson of the working group; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii First Responders
23 Memorial is requested to:
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- 25 (1) Honor first responders--firefighters, lifeguards, and
26 paramedics/emergency medical technicians, medical
27 flight nurses and pilots--who at the local, state, and
28 federal levels of government, while in the line of
29 duty, made the ultimate sacrifice to serve and protect
30 the people of Hawaii;
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32 (2) Call attention to the bravery and spirit of public
33 service that first responders demonstrate in the line
34 of duty;
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36 (3) Be permanent and perpetual; and
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38 (4) Be constructed and maintained from private funds
39 solicited for that purpose; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
42 and General Services is requested to coordinate all matters



1 regarding the Hawaii First Responders Memorial, including but
2 not limited to ongoing maintenance and repairs, either through
3 private funds or funds allocated by the Legislature; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
6 and General Services is requested to submit a report of the
7 working group's plans, including findings, recommendations,
8 projected costs, and any necessary legislation, to the
9 Legislature by November 30, 2024; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Comptroller; Fire
13 Chief of each county; Chief of Ocean Safety of the City and
14 County of Honolulu; the head of ocean safety at the Hawaii Fire
15 Department; Chief of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Maui County
16 Department of Fire and Public Safety; head of the Ocean Safety
17 Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department; Director of the Honolulu
18 Emergency Services Department; American Medical Response in
19 Hawaii; President of the Hawaii Firefighters Association, Local
20 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO; State Director of the United Public
21 Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Executive Director of
22 the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152,
23 AFL-CIO.
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