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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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-three firefighters from  
9 Hawaii--twelve from the Honolulu Fire Department, one from the  
10 Hawaii Fire Department, two 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 between 1990 to the  
19 present--four from the Honolulu Fire Department, one from the  
20 Hawaii Fire Department, two from the Maui County Department of  
21 Fire and Public Safety, one from the Kauai Fire Department, one  
22 from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of  
23 Land and Natural Resources, and one from the federal fire  
24 department; and

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26           WHEREAS, six paramedics, two medical flight nurses, and  
27 four medical flight pilots from Hawaii have died in the line of  
28 duty; and

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30           WHEREAS, the National EMS Memorial Foundation seeks to  
31 establish a permanent National EMS Memorial; and



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2 WHEREAS, a similar, appropriate memorial to honor Hawaii  
3 first responders should be located in the State; and  
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5 WHEREAS, with the construction of a Hawaii First Responders  
6 Memorial, the State, along with the families, friends, and loved  
7 ones of fallen first responders, will forever honor their lives,  
8 which were selflessly given in service to the people of Hawaii;  
9 now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
14 Accounting and General Services is requested to establish a  
15 working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders  
16 Memorial; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
19 to consist of:  
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- 21 (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, who is  
22 requested to serve as the chairperson of the working  
23 group;  
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- 25 (2) The fire chiefs of the Honolulu Fire Department,  
26 Hawaii Fire Department, Maui County Department of Fire  
27 and Public Safety, and Kauai Fire Department, or their  
28 respective designees;  
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- 30 (3) The Chief of Ocean Safety of the City and County of  
31 Honolulu, a representative of the Hawaii Fire  
32 Department with experience in ocean safety, the Chief  
33 of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Maui County  
34 Department of Fire and Public Safety, and the head of  
35 the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department,  
36 or their respective designees;  
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- 38 (4) The Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services  
39 Department, or the Director's designee;  
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- 41 (5) A representative of American Medical Response in  
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- (6) The President of the Hawaii Firefighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, or the President's designee;
- (7) The State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO, or the State Director's designee;
- (8) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, or the Executive Director's designee; and
- (9) Two family members of fallen first responders, to be invited by the chairperson of the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii First Responders Memorial is requested to:

- (1) Honor first responders, such as firefighters, lifeguards, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, medical flight nurses, and pilots, who, at the local, state, and federal levels of government, while in the line of duty, made the ultimate sacrifice to serve and protect the people of Hawaii;
- (2) Call attention to the bravery and spirit of public service that first responders demonstrate in the line of duty;
- (3) Be permanent and perpetual; and
- (4) Be constructed and maintained from private funds solicited for that purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested to coordinate all matters regarding the Hawaii First Responders Memorial, including but not limited to ongoing maintenance and repairs, either through private funds or funds allocated by the Legislature; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
2 and General Services is requested to submit a report of the  
3 working group's plans, including findings, recommendations,  
4 projected costs, and any necessary legislation, to the  
5 Legislature by November 30, 2024; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;  
9 Comptroller; Fire Chief of each county; Chief of Ocean Safety of  
10 the City and County of Honolulu; Chief of the Ocean Safety  
11 Bureau of the Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety;  
12 Head of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department;  
13 Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department; General  
14 Manager of American Medical Response in Hawaii; President of the  
15 Hawaii Firefighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO;  
16 State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646,  
17 AFL-CIO; and Executive Director of the Hawaii Government  
18 Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

