
SENATE 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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1 WHEREAS, a similar, appropriate memorial to honor Hawaii
2 first responders should be located in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, with the construction of a Hawaii First Responders
5 Memorial, the State, along with the families, friends, and loved
6 ones of fallen first responders, will forever honor their lives,
7 which were selflessly given in service to the people of Hawaii;
8 now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
12 that the Department of Accounting and General Services is
13 requested to establish a working group to plan and construct a
14 Hawaii First Responders Memorial; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
17 to consist of:

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19 (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, who is
20 requested to serve as the chairperson of the working
21 group;
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23 (2) The fire chiefs of the Honolulu Fire Department,
24 Hawaii Fire Department, Maui County Department of Fire
25 and Public Safety, and Kauai Fire Department, or their
26 respective designees;
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28 (3) The Chief of Ocean Safety of the City and County of
29 Honolulu, a representative of the Hawaii Fire
30 Department with experience in ocean safety, the Chief
31 of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Maui County
32 Department of Fire and Public Safety, and the head of
33 the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department,
34 or their respective designees;
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36 (4) The Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services
37 Department, or the Director's designee;
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39 (5) A representative of American Medical Response in
40 Hawaii;
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1 (6) The President of the Hawaii Firefighters Association,
2 Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, or the President's
3 designee;

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5 (7) The State Director of the United Public Workers,
6 AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO, or the State Director's
7 designee;

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9 (8) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Government
10 Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, or
11 the Executive Director's designee; and

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13 (9) Two family members of fallen first responders, to be
14 invited by the chairperson of the working group; and

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

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19 (1) Honor first responders, such as firefighters,
20 lifeguards, paramedics, emergency medical technicians,
21 medical flight nurses, and pilots, who, at the local,
22 state, and federal levels of government, while in the
23 line of duty, made the ultimate sacrifice to serve and
24 protect the people of Hawaii;

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26 (2) Call attention to the bravery and spirit of public
27 service that first responders demonstrate in the line
28 of duty;

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30 (3) Be permanent and perpetual; and

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32 (4) Be constructed and maintained from private funds
33 solicited for that purpose; and

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

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
42 and General Services is requested to submit a report of the



1 working group's plans, including findings, recommendations,
2 projected costs, and any necessary legislation, to the
3 Legislature by November 30, 2024; and

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

