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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO FORM A TASK FORCE TO  
REVIEW THE STATE'S CAPACITY FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND  
RESPONSE AND THE ADEQUACY OF FUNDING SOURCES.

1           WHEREAS, it is essential for the agencies and organizations  
2 in Hawaii that are responsible for disaster preparedness and  
3 response to be sufficiently organized and adequately funded to  
4 coordinate an effective response; and

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6           WHEREAS, these agencies and organizations should have the  
7 capability to coordinate disaster response priorities, identify  
8 funding sources, and implement joint strategies for preparedness  
9 and response; and

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11           WHEREAS, there are a number of agencies and organizations  
12 that support disaster preparedness and response, including the  
13 Hawaii National Guard, Civil Defense Division of the Department  
14 of Defense, the member organizations of the State Law  
15 Enforcement Coalition, and the members of the Hawaii Emergency  
16 Preparedness Consortium; and

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18           WHEREAS, emergency preparedness and response organizations  
19 and agencies have a number of funding sources, including the  
20 State, private institutions, the United States Department of  
21 Homeland Security, and the United States Department of Defense;  
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24           WHEREAS, in order to support an efficient and effective  
25 system of preparing for and responding to emergencies and  
26 disasters, it is essential that all agencies and organizations  
27 have clearly defined roles and the ability to seek and manage  
28 funds allocated to them; now, therefore,

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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



1 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
2 Defense is requested to establish a task force having the  
3 following duties and responsibilities:

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5 (1) Review the Department of Defense and Civil Defense  
6 Division organizational structure to ensure that the  
7 disaster preparedness and response capabilities are  
8 properly managed and funded;  
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- 10 (2) Review the organization, training, and staffing of law  
11 enforcement agencies in the State to ensure their  
12 capability to respond to a major statewide disaster;  
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- 14 (3) Review disaster management training for state and  
15 county agencies responsible for disaster response to  
16 ensure that they meet the requirements of the United  
17 States Department of Homeland Security;  
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- 19 (4) Review the training resources available from federal  
20 agencies to ensure that state and county agencies have  
21 access to those resources;  
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- 23 (5) Review compliance by state agencies with readiness  
24 standards established by the United States Department  
25 of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency  
26 Management Agency;  
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- 28 (6) Review all sources of funds either dispersed or  
29 expended by the Department of Defense that are  
30 directly associated with disaster preparedness and  
31 response;  
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- 33 (7) Research the types and amounts of grants or services  
34 available to the state and county agencies for  
35 disaster preparedness and response from federal and  
36 private sources;  
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- 38 (8) Review the process for determining requirements and  
39 priorities for disaster preparedness and response  
40 grant requests;  
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- 42 (9) Review disaster preparedness and response grants that  
43 state and county agencies have applied for and



received approval for, including amounts and requirements addressed in the grant request;

(10) Describe the processes for allocating disaster preparedness and response grant funds when the amount requested and the amount approved are different;

(11) Review the reasons for any disaster preparedness and response grant funds that have been allocated but not used; and

(12) Review the adequacy and use of state funds appropriated to the Civil Defense Division of the Department of Defense; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adjutant General is requested to appoint the following members to the task force:

- (1) The Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee;
- (2) The Director of Civil Defense or the Director's designee;
- (3) The director of the civil defense agency for each county or their designees;
- (4) The chief of police for each county, or their designees;
- (5) The Director of the Hawaii office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or the Director's designee; and
- (6) The Director of the Pacific Disaster Center, or the Director's designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Defense is requested to submit the findings and recommendations of the task force, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General,  
3 the Director of Civil Defense, the director of the civil defense  
4 agency for each county, the chief of police for each county, the  
5 Director of the Hawaii office of the Federal Emergency  
6 Management Agency, and the Director of the Pacific Disaster  
7 Center.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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