
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO WORK WITH THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO DEVELOP METHODS OF EXPEDITING THE INSTALLATION OR CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE EVENT OF DISASTER.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is at risk from various types of natural
2 disasters, including hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and
3 tsunami; and

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5 WHEREAS, it is vitally important to ensure the State is
6 adequately prepared to deal with these disasters; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Division of the Department of
9 Defense (Civil Defense), assists authorities in providing for
10 the safety and welfare of residents, visitors, and animals in
11 the state; and

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13 WHEREAS, Civil Defense continuously strives to maintain its
14 readiness to respond to the needs of the people of Hawaii in the
15 event of disasters, either natural or human-made; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Civil Defense's aging siren warning system
18 continues to have coverage gaps; and

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20 WHEREAS, while Civil Defense and related private agencies
21 have made great strides in becoming capable of handling a
22 tsunami or hurricane disaster, more resources are needed to
23 upgrade and decrease coverage gaps in the existing warning
24 systems; and

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26 WHEREAS, it is critical to have effective warning systems
27 to protect residents who, for example, live in areas of the
28 state that lie in tsunami inundation zones during an emergency;
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30 WHEREAS, in the event of a tsunami, the brief notice
31 provided by a tsunami warning can mean the difference between
32 reaching a safe area and remaining in the path of danger; and



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WHEREAS, as more and more areas of the state become developed for residential use, there is greater need for additional warning sirens; and

WHEREAS, warning sirens are a critical piece of infrastructure in neighborhoods around the state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, that the counties are urged to work with the Civil Defense Division of the Department of Defense to develop methods of expediting the installation or construction of emergency warning sirens throughout the state to ensure public safety in the event of disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General, Director of Civil Defense, and the respective Mayors of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Honolulu.

OFFERED BY: 

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