
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION,
AND TO REPORT ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO SHIFT
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, DISASTER RELIEF, AND HOMELAND
SECURITY COSTS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Division of the Department of
2 Defense ("State Civil Defense"), assists authorities in
3 providing for the safety and welfare of residents, visitors, and
4 animals in the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, State Civil Defense continuously strives to
7 maintain its readiness to respond to the needs of the people of
8 Hawaii in the event of disasters, either natural or human-
9 caused; and

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11 WHEREAS, State Civil Defense, based on incident command and
12 unified command procedures and relationships, adopted the
13 National Incident Management System in order to comply with all
14 federal preparedness funding conditions; and

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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii may be reaching a conflict with state and
17 federal requirements to be in compliance with the National
18 Incident Management System because current staffing, resources,
19 and facilities may not be sufficiently adequate to meet Hawaii's
20 needs during a human-caused or natural disaster; and

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22 WHEREAS, counties are the first responders in the event of
23 disaster, either natural or human-caused, and State Civil
24 Defense, upon request, provides support through personnel,
25 supplies, and coordination of efforts with county civil defense
26 and other agencies of the state and federal governments; and

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28 WHEREAS, State Civil Defense is challenged in planning for
29 disasters, providing timely response during disasters, and
30 assisting with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to get
31 cost sharing and reimbursements; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2008, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a
4 financial audit of the Department of Defense, Civil Defense
5 Division ("State Civil Defense"), and is requested to include in
6 that audit:

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- 8 (1) The total amount of general and federal funds received
9 and expended by State Civil Defense to advance its
10 mission and goals, and the purposes for which the
11 funds were expended;
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- 13 (2) Issues relating to the State Civil Defense Division's
14 financial records and its system of accounting and
15 internal controls;
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- 17 (3) Issues relating to the State Civil Defense strategic
18 and financial plan, its budgeting process, and its
19 process of forecasting future financial needs; and
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- 21 (4) Any and all other matters that the Auditor would
22 normally undertake as necessary or appropriate in a
23 system-wide financial audit; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
26 conduct a management audit of State Civil Defense that includes:

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- 28 (1) How priorities for expenditures of homeland security
29 moneys are determined;
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- 31 (2) Processes for development of policies, requirements,
32 and incentives to mitigate the problems caused by
33 natural or human-caused hazards;
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- 35 (3) Processes for planning best responses to natural and
36 other disasters to minimize costs attributed to those
37 disasters and protect the interests of Hawaii's
38 residents and their possessions and pets and visitors
39 to the State, including:
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 - 41 (A) A process for planning reliability of
42 communication networks and how State Civil
43 Defense works with other government and
44 non-government agencies and special interest



- 1 groups and individuals to develop plans for
- 2 communicating warnings;
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- 4 (B) A process for planning for power supplies for
- 5 major state airports, health care facilities,
- 6 temporary shelters, and other essential services;
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- 8 (C) A process for working with county, state, and
- 9 federal agencies to update existing sirens, and
- 10 the placement of other warning devices, with
- 11 priority given to land areas at high risk from
- 12 natural hazards, so that vital information is
- 13 timely disseminated to the public;
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- 15 (D) A process for developing disaster plans that will
- 16 provide emergency shelter for patients and staff,
- 17 as well as a plan to meet the medical needs of
- 18 its patients during a disaster; and
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- 20 (E) A process for developing a plan to protect
- 21 Hawaii's ports of entry when emergency access by
- 22 foreign flag ships or aircraft is sought,
- 23 including a plan for such contingencies as when
- 24 vessels carry munitions and weapons; and
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- 26 (4) Any current public hearing notice requirements that
- 27 may be required in development of plans;
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- 29 (5) The decision-making practices of State Civil Defense
- 30 when disasters occur, either non-emergency or
- 31 emergency declarations;
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- 33 (6) Suggested improvements to the State Civil Defense
- 34 Division's administrative procedures; and
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- 36 (7) State Civil Defense's future endeavors to effectively
- 37 and satisfactorily engage the community in sharing its
- 38 concerns with authorities; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 41 include a report on federal government initiatives to shift
 42 disaster preparedness, disaster relief, and homeland security
 43 costs to state and local governments; and
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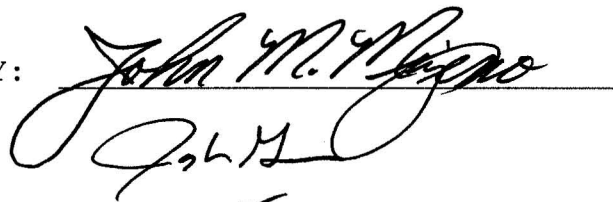
1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Defense,
2 state and county civil defense agencies, their staffs, and other
3 relevant persons or agencies are requested to cooperate with and
4 assist the Auditor, and to provide information requested by the
5 Auditor; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
8 cooperate with state and county civil defense agencies, their
9 staff, and other relevant persons or agencies in fulfilling the
10 Legislature's request, recognizing the current three recovery
11 programs underway with the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
12 and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
15 submit the findings and recommendations of the financial and
16 management audits and the report, including any proposed
17 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
18 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the Governor, the
22 Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense, and the
23 administrators of the civil defense agencies of the counties.
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