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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A TASK FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO IDENTIFY AVAILABLE STATE LANDS TO RELOCATE RESIDENTS IN PUNA AND PAHOA AS A RESULT OF THE LAVA FLOW FROM THE KILAUEA VOLCANO ERUPTION.

1 WHEREAS, the Kilauea volcano began erupting in 1983 and
2 continues to spew lava; and

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4 WHEREAS, the east rift of Kilauea began erupting in early
5 2007, posing a foreseeable near term threat to residents of Puna
6 and Pahoa; and

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8 WHEREAS, instead of going south to the ocean, as it did for
9 the past twenty-five years, lava has flowed to the northeast,
10 toward thousands of homes and at least 10,000 residents; and

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12 WHEREAS, the lava flow corrected itself on November 21,
13 2007, to swing back to the south; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has
16 the statutory responsibility to "manage and administer the
17 public lands of the State . . . and all water and coastal areas
18 of the State", under section 26-15(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
19 and has its Bureau of Conveyances to identify the ownership of
20 all lands; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has control
23 over available lands as provided in section 204 of the Hawaiian
24 Homes Commission Act of 1920; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture has the
27 responsibility under section 26-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for
28 the agricultural resources of the State, including farming; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
2 and Tourism, through its Land Use Commission, has an inventory
3 of all classified lands; and
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5 WHEREAS, there exists public lands that are available and
6 suitable to temporarily provide shelter for residents of Puna
7 and Pahoa who are or may soon become displaced by the Kilauea
8 volcano lava flow; and
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10 WHEREAS, those public lands must be identified in advance
11 of any emergency necessitating the evacuation of Big Island
12 residents; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
17 and Natural Resources is requested to convene a task force that
18 includes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Department
19 of Agriculture, and the Department of Business, Economic
20 Development, and Tourism, to identify available state lands on
21 the Big Island to relocate residents of Puna and Pahoa as a
22 result of the Kilauea volcano lava flow; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
25 findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than
26 November 1, 2008; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
30 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the
31 Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Chairperson of the Board of
32 Agriculture, the Director of Business, Economic Development, and
33 Tourism, the Governor, and the Mayor of the County of Hawaii.
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OFFERED BY:

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