

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 37

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 37 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO COLLABORATE WITH RELEVANT AGENCIES TO DEVELOP INITIATIVES AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO INFORM KUPUNA ABOUT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to collaborate with relevant agencies to develop initiatives and outreach programs to inform kupuna about emergency preparedness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; AARP Hawai'i; Be Ready Manoa; AlohaCare; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's exposure to frequent and severe natural hazards, including hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic activity, demands comprehensive preparedness strategies that account for the State's diverse population. Older adults, who comprise a growing portion of Hawaii's residents, are particularly at-risk during disasters due to mobility challenges, chronic medical conditions, and limited access to timely information. Strengthening the ability of older

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adults to respond effectively in emergencies can greatly enhance their safety and ease the strain on emergency services. Accordingly, this measure urges the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to work with appropriate partners to design and implement public education efforts and outreach initiatives that ensure kupuna are better equipped to navigate emergency situations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 37 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Homelessness,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



