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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND THE HOUSE WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATED TO POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SLOPE MOVEMENT AND TO RECOMMEND WAYS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.

1 WHEREAS, erosion is the displacement of soil, mud, rock,
2 and other particles by the agents of wind, water, and downward
3 or down-slope movement in response to gravity or by living
4 organisms; and

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6 WHEREAS, rock, soil, or other slope movement can be
7 potentially hazardous to people and property; and

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9 WHEREAS, in 2000, for instance, a rock slide on Kamehameha
10 Highway near Waimea Bay led to the closure of the highway for
11 more than two weeks; and

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13 WHEREAS, a young woman was killed when a six-ton boulder
14 crashed into her Nuuanu home; and

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16 WHEREAS, other incidents have highlighted the instability
17 of Hawaii's hillsides and cliffs, including the evacuation of a
18 section of Hawaii Kai townhouses after a boulder rolled onto a
19 resident's car; and

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21 WHEREAS, a task force should be created to identify issues
22 related to potentially hazardous slope movement and to recommend
23 ways to address these issues; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
27 that the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and
28 Hawaiian Affairs and the House Water, Land, Ocean Resources and
29 Hawaiian Affairs Committee are requested to convene a task force
30 to identify issues related to potentially hazardous slope
31 movement and to recommend ways to address these issues; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
2 interested legislators, council members, and community
3 organizations, and at least one representative of the Department
4 of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation,
5 Department of Health, Honolulu Department of Planning and
6 Permitting, the Hawaii County Planning Department, the Kauai
7 County Department of Planning, and the Maui County Department of
8 Planning; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit an
11 interim report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
12 prior to the convening of the 2008 regular session, and submit a
13 final report, including any proposed legislation, to the
14 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the 2009 Regular Session; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force also forward a
18 copy of the interim report and the final report to the Governor,
19 the Mayor of Honolulu, Mayor of Hawaii, Mayor of Kauai, Mayor of
20 Maui, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, Chair of the Hawaii
21 County Council, Chair of the Kauai County Council, and Chair of
22 the Maui County Council; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate; the
26 Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Chair of the Senate
27 Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs; the
28 Chair of the House Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian
29 Affairs Committee; Chair of the Board of Land and Natural
30 Resources; Director of Transportation; Director of Health; Chair
31 of the Honolulu City Council; Chair of the Hawaii County
32 Council; Chair of the Kauai County Council; Chair of the Maui
33 County Council; Director of the Honolulu Department of Planning
34 and Permitting; Director of the Hawaii County Planning
35 Department; Director of the Kauai County Department of Planning;
36 and the Director of the Maui County Department of Planning.
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