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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE STATE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT SIMULATION EXERCISE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the most isolated community in the world  
2 with its nearest neighbor no less than 2,200 miles away; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the State is largely dependent on sea and air  
5 transportation for the importation of goods, including  
6 agricultural products, and depends heavily on cyberspace for the  
7 exchange of information; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii has never experienced a major disaster that  
10 has simultaneously affected critical sectors of the community  
11 such as government, first responders, military, sea and air  
12 transportation, finance, commerce, medical services, and  
13 agriculture or a disaster event that affected the entire  
14 community over an extended period of time; and  
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16 WHEREAS, if such a major disaster were to occur, it is  
17 unclear whether the State will have the resiliency to overcome  
18 it in a timely, efficient, and safe manner; and  
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20 WHEREAS, every year, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency  
21 of the State Department of Defense holds a statewide hurricane  
22 preparedness exercise called Makani Palihi to evaluate the  
23 resiliency of the State in the face of a hurricane; and  
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25 WHEREAS, in the past, these Makani Palihi exercises have  
26 not considered the effects of other types of major disasters,  
27 widespread devastation, or effects on multiple sectors of the  
28 community; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the resiliency of the State after a major disaster  
31 is dependent on all sectors of the community working and



1 communicating together to effectuate an efficient, timely, and  
2 safe recovery; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
6 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii  
7 Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Defense, with  
8 cooperation from the Pacific Forum Center for Strategic and  
9 International Studies and the Department of Health, is urged to  
10 develop and implement a statewide emergency management  
11 simulation exercise that includes all sectors of the community;  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management  
15 Agency is requested to incorporate the simulation exercise into  
16 the annual Makani Palihi exercise with its military, business,  
17 and community partners, including the Disability and  
18 Communication Access Board; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management  
21 Agency submit a report on its findings and recommendations,  
22 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
23 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
24 of 2017; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Adjutant  
28 General, Director of Health, Chairperson of the Disability and  
29 Communication Access Board, and President of the Pacific Forum  
30 Center for Strategic and International Studies.

