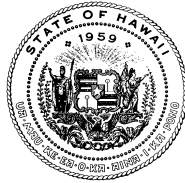


# HCR80 HD1

Measure Title:	URGING THE STATE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SIMULATION EXERCISE.
Report Title:	Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Department of Defense; Department of Health; Statewide Emergency Management Simulation Exercise
Description:	
Companion:	<a href="#">HR42</a>
Package:	None
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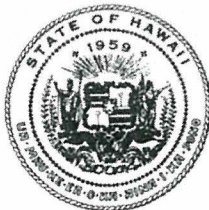
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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Costs to develop and implement exercise unknown.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health opposes HCR80 HD1 as being redundant
- 3 to existing disaster preparedness, response, and recovery training and exercise efforts. While the
- 4 Department appreciates the intent of the resolution, the Department currently participates with
- 5 HI-EMA and county emergency management agencies to exercise and prepare for all hazards,
- 6 including natural disasters, pandemics and other emerging infectious disease outbreaks, and acts
- 7 of terrorism or other human-induced emergencies and disasters. The Department also regularly
- 8 engages sectors across the community including business, education, senior, faith-based,
- 9 healthcare, non-profit, military, and others.
- 10 Given limited staffing and funding resources, the Department is concerned this measure would
- 11 be an unnecessary and added burden.
- 12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

House Concurrent Resolution 80, HD1– Urging the State to Develop and Implement a  
Statewide Emergency Management Simulation Exercise

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) takes no position but offers comments on House Concurrent Resolution 80, HD1 - Urging the State to Develop and Implement a Statewide Emergency Management Simulation Exercise.

DCAB has been working with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter, City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management and County Civil Defense Agencies to plan the inclusion of people with disabilities in a variety of emergency management simulation exercises on an annual basis since 2006.


Our office supports any and all efforts related to emergency management simulation exercises and asks that whatever is developed also includes individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs (transportation issues, limited English proficiency, age-related issues, including children as well as the elderly) be included in the planning and implementation of such an exercise. DCAB has taken a primary role in representing individuals with various disabilities in planning past exercises, but for a statewide emergency management exercise to truly be developed for the whole community, key stakeholders need to be involved at all levels of the process.

With this addition to the resolution, we support its adoption.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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