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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO STRENGTHEN ITS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BY
REPOSITIONING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLY CACHES FROM OAHU TO
THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that while it is cost-
2 efficient for the State to centralize emergency medical supply
3 caches on Oahu, this practice may leave Hawaii's neighbor
4 islands vulnerable in the event of a disaster on Oahu; and

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6 WHEREAS, the neighbor islands may not be able to
7 accommodate displaced residents from other islands if a disaster
8 decimated Oahu and prevented the transportation of medical
9 supply caches to the neighbor islands; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that federal funding
12 for the expansion and maintenance of existing medical supply
13 caches on the neighbor islands was cut earlier this year; and

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15 WHEREAS, if funding is not restored, these aging medical
16 supply caches will be off-line in 2018, leaving the State only
17 the immediate resources of individual healthcare providers and
18 the Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team, a
21 response team that the federal government may mobilize during a
22 disaster to quickly set up and operate a mobile care facility,
23 has its federal equipment and supply cache on Oahu; and

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25 WHEREAS, while the Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team
26 and its supply cache can be airlifted to any neighbor island in
27 an emergency, it remains unclear if any aircraft will be
28 available and functional to fly following a natural or man-made



1 disaster that disrupts electricity and damages electronic
2 equipment on Oahu; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that the
5 unavailability of large government supply caches and the small
6 number of government medical assets weakens the State's
7 emergency preparedness and response to possible disasters, such
8 as major aircraft incidents, hurricanes, and tsunamis; and
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10 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to have a
11 contingency plan in the event a disaster decimates Oahu and
12 prevents the transportation of emergency medical supply caches
13 to the neighbor islands; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the State is requested
18 to strengthen its emergency preparedness by repositioning
19 portions of its emergency medical supply caches from Oahu to the
20 neighbor islands; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional
24 delegation; Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management
25 Agency; Governor of the State of Hawaii; Adjutant General;
26 Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; the
27 Mayor of Honolulu; the Mayor of Maui; the Mayor of Kauai; and
28 the Mayor of Hawaii.
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