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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OFFICE OF PLANNING TO  
FORM A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESILIENCY COUNCIL, WITH  
CONSULTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.

1 WHEREAS, Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated Puerto Rico,  
2 causing extensive damage to the island's electrical  
3 infrastructure, with recent estimates predicting that power in  
4 Puerto Rico will not be fully restored until spring of 2018,  
5 leaving some residents without power for half a year; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the prolonged lack of electrical power has left  
8 the residents of Puerto Rico without essential services and has  
9 created a humanitarian crisis; and  
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11 WHEREAS, interdependencies between different critical  
12 infrastructure sectors, including energy, water, transportation,  
13 and communications, underscore the need for systemic resiliency  
14 planning; and  
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16 WHEREAS, as an island state, Hawaii is particularly  
17 susceptible to natural disasters, similar to the ones Puerto  
18 Rico recently faced; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency estimates  
21 that under a best-case scenario, it would take at least fourteen  
22 days after landfall of a category four hurricane on Oahu to  
23 restore eighty percent of grid power, but most public emergency  
24 shelters in the State do not have the capacity to provide two  
25 weeks of electrical service, and relief from the mainland is  
26 dependent upon a functioning airport and seaport; and  
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28 WHEREAS, climate change means the number of extreme weather  
29 events like Hurricanes Irma and Maria will continue to increase;  
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2 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,  
3 and Tourism has sufficient funds to support a group focused on  
4 enhancing the critical infrastructure and grid resiliency in the  
5 State; now, therefore,  
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the policy of the  
10 State be to ensure that the State is prepared to withstand  
11 natural disasters and other emergencies and protect the State's  
12 critical infrastructure and its citizens by making investments  
13 in grid resiliency; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the goals of this resiliency  
16 policy are to:  
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- 18 (1) Prevent or reduce the severity of damage to the  
19 electric grid from a natural disaster or state of  
20 emergency;  
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22 (2) Enable faster recovery of normal grid operations after  
23 a grid outage due to a natural disaster or state of  
24 emergency; and  
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26 (3) Maintain critical loads at critical infrastructure,  
27 such as hospitals, fire stations, police stations,  
28 airports, and seaports during a grid outage due to a  
29 natural disaster or state of emergency; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to realize this  
32 resiliency policy, the Office of Homeland Security and Office of  
33 Planning are urged to form a Critical Infrastructure and  
34 Resiliency Council, with consultation and support from the  
35 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is requested to  
38 include the following members or their designees:  
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- 40 (1) The Director of Homeland Security, who is requested to  
41 serve as co-chair of the council;  
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- (2) The Director of the Office of Planning, who is requested to serve as co-chair of the council;
- (3) The Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency;
- (4) The Director of Transportation;
- (5) The Executive Officer of the Public Utilities Commission;
- (6) The directors of each of the county emergency management agencies; and
- (7) The directors of each of the county water supply departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is encouraged to invite representatives of the following entities or industries to join the Council:

- (1) Each electric utility company operating in Hawaii;
- (2) Each telecommunications company serving at least one hundred thousand customers in Hawaii; and
- (3) Each fuel importer and fuel refiner operating in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is requested to:

- (1) Establish strategies, goals, priorities, and recommendations to enhance the security and resiliency of the electric grid and other critical infrastructure sectors in the State, and give appropriate consideration to interdependencies between the sectors and to differing needs of communities based on location, access to resources, and vulnerabilities; and
- (2) Assess the capacity and availability of existing resources and identify new sources of revenue



1 necessary to enhance resiliency of critical  
2 infrastructure sectors; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is requested to  
5 submit a report summarizing its findings, recommendations, and  
6 the status of actions to enhance electric grid and other  
7 critical infrastructure sector security and resiliency to the  
8 Governor, Legislature, and Mayor and County Council of each  
9 county no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
10 Regular Session of 2019, and every two years thereafter; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Homeland  
14 Security; Director of the Office of Planning; Director of  
15 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of  
16 Transportation; Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management  
17 Agency; Executive Officer of the Public Utilities Commission;  
18 directors of each of the county emergency management agencies;  
19 and directors of each of the county water supply departments.

