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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO REQUIRE ALL  
TELEVISION STATIONS THAT BROADCAST IN HAWAII TO DEDICATE  
TIME SLOTS TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH PUBLIC  
SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON HOW TO PREPARE FOR NATURAL AND  
MAN-MADE DISASTERS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's geographic location puts the islands at  
2 risk of various natural disasters, such as tsunamis, hurricanes,  
3 and tropical storms; and  
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5 WHEREAS, man-made disasters are also a threat to the safety  
6 of Hawaii's residents and visitors, especially in light of  
7 recent domestic and international events; and  
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9 WHEREAS, while there are safety measures in place in the  
10 event of natural and man-made disasters, much of the public  
11 remains unaware of the proper procedures to take during any type  
12 of disaster; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the recent scare of a false ballistic missile  
15 threat proved that regardless of safety measures the State has  
16 in place, the public is not sufficiently educated on the  
17 necessary steps and procedures to take in the event of a real  
18 disaster; and  
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20 WHEREAS, although disaster procedures and related  
21 information are available online, not all of the public has  
22 access to the Internet; therefore, it is important to give the  
23 public a variety of means to access disaster procedures and  
24 related information to cover all the platforms of information  
25 dissemination, which includes television, radio, and the  
26 Internet; and  
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28 WHEREAS, public safety, especially in the context of  
29 emergency preparedness, can be effected through collaboration  
30 with the federal government; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission regulates  
33 interstate and international communications by radio,



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1 television, wire, satellite, and cable in the United States and  
2 is the federal agency responsible for implementing and enforcing  
3 the United States' communications law and regulations; now,  
4 therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,  
8 that the Federal Communications Commission is requested to  
9 require all television stations that broadcast in Hawaii to  
10 allocate time slots in their programs to broadcast public  
11 service announcements to educate the public on how to prepare  
12 for all disasters, natural and man-made, in Hawaii; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Federal  
16 Communications Commission and Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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