
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO ACCEPT
DONATIONS OF CERTAIN LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, private lands in the State have sustained damage
2 due to flooding, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, and other
3 natural disasters, and lands along the coastlines will
4 inevitably be lost to the effects of climate change; and
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6 WHEREAS, lava disasters in 1990 and 2018 have destroyed
7 towns and villages on the Big Island while Waikiki and other
8 coastal areas will face infrastructure challenges against an
9 encroaching sea; and
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11 WHEREAS, the State and counties need to develop innovative
12 disaster loss mitigation strategies in order to limit the future
13 costs to the State and counties due to disasters that befall
14 landowners who have built their homes in flood areas and lava
15 zones; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that the counties are
18 important partners in developing and implementing disaster loss
19 mitigation strategies for the benefit of the public; and
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21 WHEREAS, the counties and owners of land likely to be
22 damaged by disasters or flooding would benefit from procedures
23 for the acceptance of private land as donations for which the
24 donor would receive a nonrefundable charitable income tax
25 deduction; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
29 2020, the Senate concurring, that the counties are requested to
30 develop procedures to accept donations of private lands that are



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1 damaged or likely to sustain damage due to natural disasters or
2 climate change; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayors of each
6 county or city and county in the State.
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