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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO CONVENE A  
TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE STOCKPILE  
STORAGE FACILITY OPTIONS TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY  
SUPPLIES IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic  
2 has ravaged the State's available inventories of personal  
3 protection equipment and other medical products and supplies;  
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6           WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has identified a critical  
7 gap in the State's ability to mitigate impacts on its vulnerable  
8 supply chain; and

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10          WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for the State to  
11 accumulate reserves of critical supplies to provide to the  
12 counties and communities during an emergency and within a  
13 reasonable time of the State's decision to deploy the stockpiled  
14 reserves; and

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16          WHEREAS, an appropriate stockpile storage facility is  
17 necessary to prepare for future natural disasters and pandemics  
18 to supplement and resupply state and local inventories of  
19 essential supplies during emergencies that may be severe enough  
20 to exhaust local supplies; and

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22          WHEREAS, a single stockpile storage facility in a central  
23 location may be inefficient due to limited air and sea delivery  
24 assets during a natural disaster or pandemic causing delays  
25 which may hinder the distribution of emergency supplies to all  
26 four counties in Hawaii; and

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28          WHEREAS, the creation of a task force to identify  
29 appropriate stockpile storage facility options would present  
30 possible solutions as to whether it is more appropriate to have  
31 a single storage facility on the island of Oahu or whether it  
32 may be more prudent to utilize multiple storage facilities



1 spread throughout the four counties in the State to effectively  
2 and efficiently distribute emergency supplies; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,  
6 that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, in coordination  
7 with the Department of Defense, Department of Health, and Hawaii  
8 Technology Development Corporation, is requested to convene a  
9 task force to study whether the State would benefit from  
10 stockpiling emergency supplies in a single facility or in  
11 multiple storage facilities located in each of the four  
12 counties; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of  
15 fourteen members designated as follows:  
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- 17 (1) The Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management  
18 Agency, or the Director's designee, who shall serve as  
19 Chairperson;  
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- 21 (2) One representative from the Governor's office,  
22 appointed by the Governor;  
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- 24 (3) One representative from the Senate, appointed by the  
25 President of the Senate;  
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- 27 (4) One representative from the House of Representatives,  
28 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
29 Representatives;  
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- 31 (5) A representative from the Department of Defense;  
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- 33 (6) The Executive Director from the Hawaii Technology  
34 Development Corporation, or the Executive Director's  
35 designee;  
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- 37 (7) Two representatives from the Hawaii County, appointed  
38 by the Mayor of Hawaii County;  
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- 40 (8) Two representatives from the City and County of  
41 Honolulu, appointed by the Mayor of the City and  
42 County of Honolulu;



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- 2 (9) Two representatives from the County of Kauai,
- 3 appointed by the Mayor of Kauai County; and
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- 5 (10) Two representatives from the County of Maui, appointed
- 6 by the Mayor of Maui County; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the task force  
 9 be appointed no later than thirty days after the last day of the  
 10 Regular Session of 2021, and that the task force convene its  
 11 initial meeting on or before July 1, 2021; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
 14 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
 15 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
 16 January 31, 2022; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include in its  
 19 report appropriate locations for the construction of a state  
 20 stockpile storage facility or facilities in which to stockpile  
 21 emergency supplies necessary for responding to natural disasters  
 22 and pandemics and the location or locations identified shall be:

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- 24 (1) On state land;
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- 26 (2) Reasonably secured or easily capable of being
- 27 reasonably secured;
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- 29 (3) Outside of the inundation zone;
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- 31 (4) Within a one-mile radius of an airfield; and
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- 33 (5) Near state, county, and federal first responder
- 34 agencies; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall dissolve  
 37 on July 1, 2022; and

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 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 40 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Hawaii  
 41 Emergency Management Agency, Director of Health, Executive  
 42 Director of Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, Mayor of



- 1 Hawaii County, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor
- 2 of Kauai County, and Mayor of Maui County.

