
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CONVENE THE APPROPRIATE
STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS FOR THE FORTIFICATION OF THE
LOCAL POWER GRID AND OTHER CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in the recent past, high-altitude balloons flying
2 over the United States of America have made many news headlines;
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5 WHEREAS, some of these balloons are said to be from foreign
6 governments; and

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8 WHEREAS, these balloons appear capable of delivering a
9 weaponized electromagnetic pulse payload capable of disabling
10 the local power grid; and

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12 WHEREAS, at this point in time it appears Alaska is the
13 only state to have made preparations by backing up its bulk
14 power supply; and

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16 WHEREAS, other critical infrastructure elements such as
17 cybersecurity in Hawaii is also vulnerable to attack; and

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19 WHEREAS, a 2019 Executive Order tasked the Department of
20 Homeland Security with developing best practices for defending
21 critical infrastructure from an electromagnetic pulse attack;
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24 WHEREAS, Hawaii's geographical location leaves it
25 vulnerable in the event of such an attack, with no close supply
26 of backup power generators; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



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1 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that this legislature
2 urges the United States Congress, in conjunction with the
3 appropriate stakeholders and nongovernmental organizations, to
4 create a functional plan to both fortify Hawaii's critical
5 infrastructure as well as create a response plan in the event of
6 such an attack; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
10 Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Hawaii Emergency
11 Management Agency, the Office of the Governor of Hawaii, and the
12 members of the Hawaii State Legislature.
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