
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII
FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL.

1 WHEREAS, first responders often run toward emergencies and
2 disasters as others are fleeing toward safety; and
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4 WHEREAS, first responders in Hawaii serve the community
5 courageously and heroically; and
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7 WHEREAS, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in
8 Emmitsburg, Maryland, honors twenty-two firefighters from
9 Hawaii--twelve from the Honolulu Fire Department, one from the
10 Hawaii Fire Department, one from the Maui County Department of
11 Fire and Public Safety, one from the Kauai Fire Department, one
12 from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of
13 Land and Natural Resources, three from the Pearl Harbor Naval
14 Base, and three from the Hawaii Firefighters Association; and
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16 WHEREAS, according to the United States Fire Administration
17 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, ten firefighters in
18 Hawaii have died in the line of duty--four from the Honolulu
19 Fire Department, one from the Hawaii Fire Department, two from
20 the Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety, one from
21 the Kauai Fire Department, one from the Division of Forestry and
22 Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and
23 one from the federal fire department; and
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25 WHEREAS, six paramedics, two medical flight nurses, and
26 four medical flight pilots from Hawaii have died in the line of
27 duty; and
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29 WHEREAS, the National EMS Memorial Foundation seeks to
30 establish a permanent National EMS Memorial; and



1 WHEREAS, in February 2010, the Hawaii Law Enforcement
2 Memorial Foundation was formed to design, construct, and
3 maintain a monument to honor law enforcement officers from city,
4 county, state, military, and federal agencies who have died in
5 the line of duty, while serving the people of Hawaii; and
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7 WHEREAS, a similar, appropriate memorial to honor Hawaii
8 first responders should be located in the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, with the construction of a Hawaii First Responders
11 Memorial, the State, along with the families, friends, and loved
12 ones of fallen first responders, will forever honor their lives,
13 which were selflessly given in service to the people of Hawaii;
14 now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
18 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
19 Accounting and General Services is requested to establish a
20 working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders
21 Memorial; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
24 to consist of:
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- 26 (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, who is
27 requested to serve as chairperson of the working
28 group;
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- 30 (2) The fire chiefs of the Honolulu Fire Department,
31 Hawaii Fire Department, Maui County Department of Fire
32 and Public Safety, and Kauai Fire Department, or their
33 respective designees;
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- 35 (3) The Chief of Ocean Safety of the City and County of
36 Honolulu, a representative of the Hawaii Fire
37 Department with experience in ocean safety, the Chief
38 of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Maui County
39 Department of Fire and Public Safety, and the head of
40 the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department,
41 or their respective designees;
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- 43 (4) The Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services
44 Department, or the Director's designee;



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(5) A representative of American Medical Response in Hawaii;

(6) The President of the Hawaii Firefighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, or the President's designee;

(7) The State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO, or the State Director's designee;

(8) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, or the Executive Director's designee; and

(9) Two family members of fallen first responders, to be invited by the chairperson of the working group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii First Responders Memorial is requested to:

(1) Honor first responders--firefighters, lifeguards, and paramedics/emergency medical technicians, medical flight nurses and pilots--who at the local, state, and federal levels of government, while in the line of duty, made the ultimate sacrifice to serve and protect the people of Hawaii;

(2) Call attention to the bravery and spirit of public service that first responders demonstrate in the line of duty;

(3) Be permanent and perpetual; and

(4) Be constructed and maintained from private funds solicited for that purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting and General Services is requested to coordinate all matters regarding the Hawaii First Responders Memorial, including but not limited to ongoing maintenance and repairs, either through private funds or funds allocated by the Legislature; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
2 and General Services is requested to submit a report of the
3 working group's plans, including findings, recommendations,
4 projected costs, and any necessary legislation, to the
5 Legislature by November 30, 2024; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
9 Comptroller; Fire Chief of each county; Chief of Ocean Safety of
10 the City and County of Honolulu; the head of ocean safety at the
11 Hawaii Fire Department; Chief of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the
12 Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety; head of the
13 Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department; Director of
14 the Honolulu Emergency Services Department; American Medical
15 Response in Hawaii; President of the Hawaii Firefighters
16 Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO; State Director of the
17 United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Executive
18 Director of the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME
19 Local 152, AFL-CIO.
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