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# HOUSE 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  
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1 WHEREAS, a similar, appropriate memorial to honor Hawaii  
2 first responders should be located in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, with the construction of a Hawaii First Responders  
5 Memorial, the State, along with the families, friends, and loved  
6 ones of fallen first responders, will forever honor their lives,  
7 which were selflessly given in service to the people of Hawaii;  
8 now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
12 Session of 2024, that the Department of Accounting and General  
13 Services is requested to establish a working group to plan and  
14 construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
17 to consist of:

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19 (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, who is  
20 requested to serve as chairperson of the working  
21 group;
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23 (2) The fire chiefs of the Honolulu Fire Department,  
24 Hawaii Fire Department, Maui County Department of Fire  
25 and Public Safety, and Kauai Fire Department, or their  
26 respective designees;
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28 (3) The Chief of Ocean Safety of the City and County of  
29 Honolulu, a representative of the Hawaii Fire  
30 Department with experience in ocean safety, the Chief  
31 of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Maui County  
32 Department of Fire and Public Safety, and the head of  
33 the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department,  
34 or their respective designees;
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36 (4) The Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services  
37 Department, or the Director's designee;
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39 (5) A representative of American Medical Response in  
40 Hawaii;
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- 1 (6) The President of the Hawaii Firefighters Association,  
2 Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, or the President's  
3 designee;  
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- 5 (7) The State Director of the United Public Workers,  
6 AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO, or the State Director's  
7 designee;  
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- 9 (8) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Government  
10 Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, or  
11 the Executive Director's designee; and  
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- 13 (9) Two family members of fallen first responders, to be  
14 invited by the chairperson of the working group; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii First Responders  
17 Memorial is requested to:

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- 19 (1) Honor first responders--firefighters, lifeguards, and  
20 paramedics/emergency medical technicians, medical  
21 flight nurses and pilots--who at the local, state, and  
22 federal levels of government, while in the line of  
23 duty, made the ultimate sacrifice to serve and protect  
24 the people of Hawaii;  
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- 26 (2) Call attention to the bravery and spirit of public  
27 service that first responders demonstrate in the line  
28 of duty;  
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- 30 (3) Be permanent and perpetual; and  
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- 32 (4) Be constructed and maintained from private funds  
33 solicited for that purpose; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
36 and General Services is requested to coordinate all matters  
37 regarding the Hawaii First Responders Memorial, including but  
38 not limited to ongoing maintenance and repairs, either through  
39 private funds or funds allocated by the Legislature; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
42 and General Services is requested to submit a report of the



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

