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# SENATE 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-three firefighters from  
9 Hawaii--twelve from the Honolulu Fire Department, one from the  
10 Hawaii Fire Department, two 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 between 1990 to the  
19 present--four from the Honolulu Fire Department, one from the  
20 Hawaii Fire Department, two from the Maui County Department of  
21 Fire and Public Safety, one from the Kauai Fire Department, one  
22 from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of  
23 Land and Natural Resources, and one from the federal fire  
24 department; and

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26 WHEREAS, six paramedics, two medical flight nurses, and  
27 four medical flight pilots from Hawaii have died in the line of  
28 duty; and



1 WHEREAS, the National EMS Memorial Foundation seeks to  
2 establish a permanent National EMS Memorial; and

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4 WHEREAS, in February 2010, the Hawaii Law Enforcement  
5 Memorial Foundation was formed to design, construct, and  
6 maintain a monument to honor law enforcement officers from city,  
7 county, state, military, and federal agencies who have died in  
8 the line of duty, while serving the people of Hawaii; and

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10 WHEREAS, a similar, appropriate memorial to honor Hawaii  
11 first responders should be located in the State; and

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13 WHEREAS, with the construction of a Hawaii First Responders  
14 Memorial, the State, along with the families, friends, and loved  
15 ones of fallen first responders, will forever honor their lives,  
16 which were selflessly given in service to the people of Hawaii;  
17 now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
22 Accounting and General Services is requested to establish a  
23 working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders  
24 Memorial; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
27 to consist of:

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- 29 (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, who is
- 30 requested to serve as the chairperson of the working
- 31 group;
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- 33 (2) The fire chiefs of the Honolulu Fire Department,
- 34 Hawaii Fire Department, Maui County Department of Fire
- 35 and Public Safety, and Kauai Fire Department, or their
- 36 respective designees;
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- 38 (3) The Chief of Ocean Safety of the City and County of
- 39 Honolulu, a representative of the Hawaii Fire
- 40 Department with experience in ocean safety, the Chief
- 41 of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Maui County
- 42 Department of Fire and Public Safety, and the head of



1 the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department,  
2 or their respective designees;

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4 (4) The Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services  
5 Department, or the Director's designee;

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

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

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

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

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22 (9) Two family members of fallen first responders, to be  
23 invited by the chairperson of the working group; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii First Responders  
26 Memorial is requested to:

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28 (1) Honor first responders, such as firefighters,  
29 lifeguards, paramedics, emergency medical technicians,  
30 medical flight nurses, and pilots, who, at the local,  
31 state, and federal levels of government, while in the  
32 line of duty, made the ultimate sacrifice to serve and  
33 protect the people of Hawaii;

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

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39 (3) Be permanent and perpetual; and

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



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
3 and General Services is requested to coordinate all matters  
4 regarding the Hawaii First Responders Memorial, including but  
5 not limited to ongoing maintenance and repairs, either through  
6 private funds or funds allocated by the Legislature; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
9 and General Services is requested to submit a report of the  
10 working group's plans, including findings, recommendations,  
11 projected costs, and any necessary legislation, to the  
12 Legislature by November 30, 2024; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;  
16 Comptroller; Fire Chief of each county; Chief of Ocean Safety of  
17 the City and County of Honolulu; Chief of the Ocean Safety  
18 Bureau of the Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety;  
19 Head of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department;  
20 Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department; General  
21 Manager of American Medical Response in Hawaii; President of the  
22 Hawaii Firefighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO;  
23 State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646,  
24 AFL-CIO; and Executive Director of the Hawaii Government  
25 Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

