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# 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



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

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

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

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

- (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee, who is requested to serve as chairperson of the working group;
- (2) The fire chiefs of the Honolulu Fire Department, Hawaii Fire Department, Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety, and Kauai Fire Department, or their respective designees;
- (3) The Chief of Ocean Safety of the City and County of Honolulu, a representative of the Hawaii Fire Department with experience in ocean safety, the Chief of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety, and the head of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department, or their respective designees;
- (4) The Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department, or the Director's designee;
- (5) A representative of American Medical Response in Hawaii;



- 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  
43 working group's plans, including findings, recommendations,



1 projected costs, and any necessary legislation, to the  
2 Legislature by November 30, 2024; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;  
6 Comptroller; Fire Chief of each county; Chief of Ocean Safety of  
7 the City and County of Honolulu; the head of ocean safety at the  
8 Hawaii Fire Department; Chief of the Ocean Safety Bureau of the  
9 Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety; head of the  
10 Ocean Safety Bureau of the Kauai Fire Department; Director of  
11 the Honolulu Emergency Services Department; American Medical  
12 Response in Hawaii; President of the Hawaii Firefighters  
13 Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO; State Director of the  
14 United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Executive  
15 Director of the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME  
16 Local 152, AFL-CIO.

