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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND HAWAI'I EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ADOPT A CURRICULUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE YOUTH CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)  
2 serves as the official emergency management agency for the State  
3 and is the primary coordinating agency between the State and  
4 each county emergency management agencies; and  
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6           WHEREAS, as established under chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised  
7 Statutes, HI-EMA's primary role is to maintain a comprehensive,  
8 coordinated, and cooperative emergency management program that  
9 prepares for, mitigates against, responds to, and recovers from  
10 emergencies and disasters that threaten or impact the State; and  
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12           WHEREAS, to effectively complete this broad mandate, HI-EMA  
13 must establish a shared framework for the coordination of  
14 response and recovery actions, including the organization of  
15 state agencies, private sector entities, local communities, and  
16 civilians; and  
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18           WHEREAS, during emergencies and disasters, pre-trained  
19 volunteers can fill the need for additional emergency personnel;  
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22           WHEREAS, a youth civil defense corps, to be established by  
23 the Department of Education can enable HI-EMA to effectively  
24 lead statewide emergency management efforts; and  
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26           WHEREAS, by training high school students through a civil  
27 defense program, the Department of Education can further hazard  
28 mitigation and recovery plan implementation in the event of an  
29 emergency or disaster; now, therefore,  
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31           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the



# S.C.R. NO. 214

1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
2 Education, in consultation with the Hawai'i Emergency Management  
3 Agency, is requested to establish a Youth Civil Defense Corps;  
4 and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Civil Defense Corps  
7 is requested to be administered at high schools to train  
8 students to participate in the State Emergency Response Team  
9 Program; and

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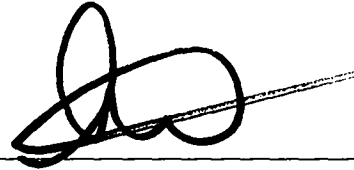
11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
13 Education and Administrator of Hawai'i Emergency Management  
14 Agency.

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