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SENATE 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,
33 that the Department of Education, in consultation with the
34 Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, is requested to establish a
35 Youth Civil Defense Corps; and

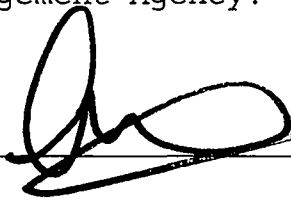


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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Civil Defense Corps is requested to be administered at high schools to train students to participate in the State Emergency Response Team Program; and

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

OFFERED BY:



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