
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT OF AN OFFICE OF RESILIENCE AND
RECOVERY.

1 WHEREAS, the Maui wildfires led to over one hundred
2 fatalities and nearly \$12,000,000,000 in damages; and
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4 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the Maui wildfires, the Hawai'i
5 Climate Advisory Team was established as an advisory group to
6 propose policies that improve the State's ability to effectively
7 respond to disasters; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Climate Advisory Team recommended in its
10 January 2025 Policy Recommendations on Climate Disaster
11 Resilience, Recovery and Funding that a permanent Hawaii
12 Resilience Office be established to provide leadership and
13 coordination to improve the State's resilience and preparedness
14 for disasters; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Climate Advisory Team did not make a specific
17 recommendation regarding the placement of the Hawaii Resilience
18 Office; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Climate Advisory Team acknowledged that while
21 the temporary Hawaii Office of Recovery and Resiliency and
22 Hawaii Emergency Management Agency have elements of resilience
23 in their missions, the responsibility for resilience planning
24 and implementation should reside clearly in one department; now,
25 therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Planning and



1 Sustainable Development is requested to convene a working group
2 to evaluate the establishment and administrative placement of an
3 Office of Resilience and Recovery; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
6 to consist of the following members:

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8 (1) The Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable
9 Development, or the Director's designee, who is
10 requested to serve as chairperson of the working
11 group;
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13 (2) The State Recovery Coordinator of the Office of the
14 Governor, or the Governor's designee;
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16 (3) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's
17 designee;
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19 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
20 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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22 (5) The Adjutant General, or the Adjutant General's
23 designee;
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25 (6) The State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal's
26 designee;
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28 (7) The Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management
29 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
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31 (8) The Chair of the State Fire Council, or the Chair's
32 designee;
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34 (9) Two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the
35 President of the Senate;
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37 (10) Two members of the House of Representatives, to be
38 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
39 Representatives;
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41 (11) The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the
42 Mayor's designee;



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- (12) The Mayor of the County of Maui, or the Mayor's designee;
- (13) The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, or the Mayor's designee;
- (14) The Mayor of the County of Kauai, or the Mayor's designee; and
- (15) A representative from the American Red Cross of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to determine the principal department within which the Office of Resilience and Recovery should be established and its relationship with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including a recommendation for the permanent administrative placement of the Office of Resilience and Recovery, to the Legislature by November 30, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Attorney General; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Adjutant General; State Fire Marshal; Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Chair of the State Fire Council; Mayors of the Counties of Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; and Regional CEO of the American Red Cross, Pacific Islands Region.

