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SENATE 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 Senate of the Thirty-third
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning



1 and Sustainable Development is requested to convene a working
2 group to evaluate the establishment and administrative placement
3 of an 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) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
35 President of the Senate;
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- 37 (10) One member of the House of Representatives, to be
38 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
39 Representatives;
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- 1 (11) The Director of the Department of Emergency Management
- 2 of the City and County of Honolulu, or the Director's
- 3 designee;
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- 5 (12) The Administrator of the Maui Emergency Management
- 6 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 8 (13) The Administrator of the Hawaii County Civil Defense
- 9 Agency, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 11 (14) The Administrator of the Kauai Emergency Management
- 12 Agency, or the Administrator's designee; and
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- 14 (15) A representative from the American Red Cross of
- 15 Hawaii; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested

18 to determine the principal department within which the Office of

19 Resilience and Recovery should be established and its

20 relationship with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested

23 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,

24 including a recommendation for the permanent administrative

25 placement of the Office of Resilience and Recovery, to the

26 Legislature by November 30, 2025; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director

30 of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Attorney

31 General; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;

32 Adjutant General; State Fire Marshal; Administrator of the

33 Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Chair of the State Fire

34 Council; Director of the Department of Emergency Management of

35 the City and County of Honolulu; Administrator of the Maui

36 Emergency Management Agency; Administrator of the Hawaii County

37 Civil Defense Agency; Administrator of the Kauai Emergency

38 Management Agency; and Regional CEO of the American Red Cross,

39 Pacific Islands Region.

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