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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT A NATIONAL REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE MULTI-STATE INSURANCE CRISIS RESULTING FROM CATASTROPHIC NATURAL DISASTERS.

1 WHEREAS, the frequency and severity of catastrophic natural  
2 disasters, including hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and  
3 earthquakes, have increased due to climate change, causing  
4 billions of dollars in insured losses and creating instability  
5 in state insurance markets across the United States; and

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7 WHEREAS, major private insurers and reinsurers have begun  
8 withdrawing from high-risk areas, leading to a significant  
9 reduction in available coverage, and skyrocketing premiums; and

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11 WHEREAS, the withdrawal of private insurers in high-risk  
12 areas has resulted in an insurance crisis affecting homeowners,  
13 businesses, and agricultural producers, many of whom struggle to  
14 secure adequate coverage at reasonable rates; and

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16 WHEREAS, some states have attempted to resolve the  
17 insurance crisis by establishing not-for-profit insurers of last  
18 resort, such as California's FAIR Plan, Florida's Citizens  
19 Property Insurance Corporation, and the State's Hawaii Property  
20 Insurance Association consisting of all persons authorized to  
21 transact property or casualty insurance in the State; and

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23 WHEREAS, unfortunately, these state-established insurers of  
24 last resort now often bear a disproportionate share of  
25 catastrophic risk in the market and face solvency issues as the  
26 licensed private insurers that are required to help fund them  
27 flee their respective states; and

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29 WHEREAS, legislative measures recently introduced in the  
30 United States Congress, including the Disaster Resiliency and  
31 Coverage Act of 2025, H.R. 1105. 119th Cong. (2025) and the  
32 Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act of 2025, S. 629.



1 119th Cong. (2025), aim to enhance natural disaster resilience  
2 and accelerate recovery efforts, but do not address the  
3 fundamental insurance crisis that requires a long-term  
4 reinsurance solution; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the National Disaster Risk Reinsurance Program Act  
7 of 2023, H.R. 3525. 118th Cong. (2023) sought to establish a  
8 federal reinsurance program to provide stability in  
9 disaster-prone areas by offering an additional layer of risk  
10 protection for insurers, but was not enacted; and  
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12 WHEREAS, a similar federal reinsurance program for natural  
13 disasters could increase insurance availability, reduce premium  
14 volatility, and protect state-instituted insurance funds by  
15 covering only the most extreme catastrophic losses; and  
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17 WHEREAS, a national reinsurance program could be structured  
18 to operate at defined loss thresholds, ensuring that private  
19 insurers and reinsurers continue to bear primary responsibility  
20 while the federal government intervenes only in cases of severe  
21 financial strain; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the national reinsurance program could also  
24 operate on an opt-in basis for states, allowing state insurance  
25 regulators the flexibility to decide whether participation would  
26 benefit their respective markets; and  
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28 WHEREAS, establishing a national reinsurance program to  
29 stabilize insurance markets nationwide will promote economic  
30 security, homeownership sustainability, and disaster  
31 preparedness while reducing the need for post-disaster federal  
32 aid; now, therefore,  
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
36 House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress of the  
37 United States is urged to establish a National Reinsurance  
38 Program to address the multi-state insurance crisis resulting  
39 from catastrophic natural disasters by serving as a financial  
40 backstop for catastrophic natural disasters and ensuring  
41 insurance market stability and consumer affordability across  
42 multiple states; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Reinsurance  
3 Program is requested to be structured as a public-private  
4 partnership that includes:  
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6 (1) Actuarial soundness;  
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8 (2) State opt-in mechanisms; and  
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10 (3) Clearly defined loss thresholds to protect taxpayers  
11 while ensuring continued private market participation;  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United  
15 States is urged to provide mitigation incentives, including  
16 premium discounts, tax credits, and grant programs, to encourage  
17 homeowners and businesses to invest in disaster-resistant  
18 infrastructure, thereby reducing insurance costs and federal  
19 disaster relief expenditures in the long-term; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United  
22 States and the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with  
23 the Federal Insurance Office and the Federal Emergency  
24 Management Agency, are encouraged to develop interim measures to  
25 stabilize insurance markets, including expanding access to  
26 federal risk modeling and offering financial incentives for  
27 insurers reentering high-risk markets; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
31 United States, Speaker of the United States House of  
32 Representatives, President of the United States Senate, United  
33 States Secretary of the Treasury, Administrator of the Federal  
34 Emergency Management Agency, Director of the Federal Insurance  
35 Office, Governor, and Insurance Commissioner of each state.  
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