

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 51

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 51 entitled:

"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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Recovery and Resilience Unit of the Office of the
Governor, Hawai'i Climate Advisory Team, Office of Planning and
Sustainable Development, Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority,
Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition, and Climate Protectors Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that in its January 2025 Policy
Recommendations on Climate Disaster Resilience, Recovery and
Funding, the Hawaii Climate Advisory Team recommended that a
permanent Hawaii Resilience Office be established to provide
leadership and coordination to improve the State's resilience and
preparedness for disasters. However, the Hawaii Climate Advisory
Team did not make a specific recommendation regarding the
placement of the Hawaii Resilience Office. Accordingly, this



measure requests the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to convene a working group to evaluate the establishment of an Office of Resilience and Recovery which will be responsible for resilience planning and implementation in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 51 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



