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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 assist
10 recovery from emergencies and disasters that threaten or impact
11 the State; and

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13 WHEREAS, to effectively complete this broad mandate, HI-EMA
14 must establish a shared framework for the coordination of
15 response and recovery actions, including the organization of
16 state agencies, private sector entities, local communities, and
17 civilians; and

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19 WHEREAS, during emergencies and disasters, pre-trained
20 volunteers can fill the need for additional emergency personnel;
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23 WHEREAS, a youth civil defense corps, to be established by
24 the Department of Education can enable HI-EMA to effectively
25 lead statewide emergency management efforts; and

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27 WHEREAS, by training high school students through a civil
28 defense program, the Department of Education can further hazard
29 mitigation and recovery plan implementation in the event of an
30 emergency or disaster; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
34 that the Department of Education, in consultation with the



1 Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, is requested to establish a
2 Youth Civil Defense Corps; and

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

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

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14 OFFERED BY: 

