
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO IDENTIFY
AND ASSESS EMERGENCY SHELTERS CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING
HURRICANE CONDITIONS AND TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE
STATE'S HURRICANE SHELTER CAPACITY.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is vulnerable to hurricanes
2 and tropical storms that threaten the safety and well-being of
3 residents and visitors; and

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5 WHEREAS, climate change and warming ocean temperatures may
6 increase the intensity of storms affecting the Hawaiian Islands;
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9 WHEREAS, emergency shelters in Hawaii are located in
10 facilities such as schools, community centers, and other public
11 buildings that may not have been designed to withstand
12 hurricane-force winds; and

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14 WHEREAS, identifying which shelters are structurally
15 capable of protecting residents during hurricanes will improve
16 disaster preparedness and public awareness; and

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18 WHEREAS, a publicly available inventory of shelters and
19 their storm-resilience capabilities will help residents make
20 informed decisions during emergency evacuations; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2026, the Senate concurring, the Hawaii Emergency Management
25 Agency is requested to identify and assess emergency shelters
26 capable of withstanding hurricane conditions and to develop a
27 plan to improve the State's hurricane shelter capacity; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management
2 Agency shall:

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- 4 (1) Identify all emergency shelters in the State that are
- 5 designated for use during disasters;
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- 7 (2) Assess the structural capability of each shelter to
- 8 withstand hurricane conditions, including whether the
- 9 shelter can safely withstand at least Category 1
- 10 hurricane-force winds;
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- 12 (3) Compile and publish a list of shelters, including
- 13 their locations and hurricane resilience capability,
- 14 to be made available to the public; and
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- 16 (4) Develop recommendations for improving hurricane
- 17 shelter capacity in the State, including potential
- 18 retrofits or upgrades to existing shelters; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Hawaii Emergency Management
21 Agency is requested to submit a report of its findings and
22 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
23 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
27 Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.
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OFFERED BY: _____


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