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# 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 is vulnerable to hurricanes and tropical  
2 storms that threaten the safety and well-being of residents and  
3 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, that the Hawaii Emergency  
25 Management Agency is requested to identify and assess emergency  
26 shelters capable of withstanding hurricane conditions and to  
27 develop a plan to improve the State's hurricane shelter  
28 capacity; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management  
2 Agency is requested to:

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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 that 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  
27 Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

