
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ASSIST IN ORGANIZING A STATEWIDE SUMMIT OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HUBS.

1 WHEREAS, the increasing likelihood and severity of natural
2 disasters caused by climate change have made emergency
3 preparedness to protect lives and property more urgent; and
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5 WHEREAS, community resilience hubs can help residents
6 prepare for natural or human-caused disasters by serving as
7 centers for coordination, resources, and information before,
8 during, and after emergencies; and
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10 WHEREAS, organizations throughout the State are actively
11 working to develop and support community resilience hubs,
12 including organizations that possess significant expertise and
13 experience in community-based disaster preparedness; and
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15 WHEREAS, convening a statewide summit of organizations
16 working on community resilience hubs would provide an
17 opportunity for stakeholders to share best practices, strengthen
18 partnerships, and develop coordinated strategies to enhance
19 community resilience across Hawaii; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2026, that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is
24 requested to assist in organizing a statewide summit of
25 organizations working on community resilience hubs; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management
28 Agency is requested to partner with Vibrant Hawaii and Community
29 Engagement for Resilient Neighborhoods, who are requested to
30 take the lead in organizing the summit, including:
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- 1 (1) Coordinating with organizations on Oahu and across the
2 State that are engaged in community resilience hub
3 initiatives; and
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- 5 (2) Exploring strategies for establishing and
6 strengthening community resilience hubs throughout the
7 State; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management
10 Agency is requested to support the planning and coordination of
11 the summit and provide technical assistance and subject-matter
12 expertise, as appropriate; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management
15 Agency is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of its
16 findings and recommendations regarding the best practices for
17 community resilience hubs in the State, no later than twenty
18 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the Hawaii
22 Emergency Management Agency, Chief Executive Officer of Vibrant
23 Hawaii, and Director of Community Engagement for Resilient
24 Neighborhoods.

