
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ASSOCIATIONS OF APARTMENT OWNERS AND CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATE TO DEVELOP EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION PLANS FOR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR SENIORS AND RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has an increasing population of seniors and
2 adults, many of whom live independently at home in high-rise and
3 multiple unit residential buildings; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of the State's seniors have special medical
6 needs, such as the inability to ascend or descend stairs,
7 dependence on oxygen, use of wheelchairs or other assistive
8 devices, special dietary needs, and refrigerated prescription
9 medications; and
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11 WHEREAS, these special medical needs become even more
12 critical and require attention during an emergency, especially
13 situations that result in the loss of electricity to power
14 building elevators, appliances, and medical devices; and
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16 WHEREAS, associations of apartment owners, condominium unit
17 owners' associations and first responders to emergencies would
18 benefit from being aware of the special needs of residents, and
19 would be able to establish procedures to ensure that those needs
20 are addressed in an emergency; and
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22 WHEREAS, apartment owners and condominium unit owners'
23 would benefit from the development of an evacuation plan for
24 residents of those buildings, including residents with special
25 needs, and make all residents aware of procedures and evacuation
26 routes that they should use during an emergency; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that associations of
31 apartment owners and condominium unit owners' associations



1 throughout the State are urged to conduct voluntary surveys of
2 the special needs of their residents and make preparations to
3 address those needs in the event of an emergency; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that associations of apartment
6 owners and condominium unit owners' associations throughout the
7 State are urged to develop emergency plans that include
8 evacuation and shelter-in-place plans that address the special
9 needs of senior and medically fragile residents to be used in
10 the event of an emergency; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these emergency plans include
13 provisions for emergency supplies such as water and
14 non-perishable foods; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that associations of apartment
17 owners and condominium unit owners' throughout the State are
18 further urged to distribute the plans to all residents and post
19 the plans publicly where they may be viewed by residents and
20 visitors; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that associations of apartment
23 owners and condominium unit owners' throughout the State are
24 urged to include in their annual statements filed with the Real
25 Estate Commission any developed emergency plans that address the
26 special needs of senior and medically fragile residents to be
27 used in the event of an emergency to enable the Real Estate
28 Commission to gather information regarding the number of
29 emergency plans developed, the procedures of these plans, and
30 the special needs of the residents these emergency plans are
31 intended to address; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
35 Civil Defense Division of the Department of Defense, to the
36 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Executive
37 Director of the Real Estate Commission who in turn is requested
38 to transmit copies to the chairperson of the board of each
39 association of apartment owners and condominium unit owners'
40 association that is registered with the Department of Commerce
41 and Consumer Affairs through a method of distribution that will
42 not exceed its Condominium Education Trust Fund funding cap, and
43 to the Chief of the fire department of each county.

