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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE CIVIL DEFENSE TO CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN PEOPLE REFUSE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES OR CLOSE THEIR BUSINESSES LOCATED IN EVACUATION ZONES DURING NATURAL DISASTERS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is vulnerable to natural disasters and
2 weather extremes ranging from floods, hurricanes, tidal waves,
3 tsunamis, high surf, earthquakes, mudslides, and volcanic
4 activity; and
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6 WHEREAS, responses to natural disasters require sound
7 decision-making and planning to ensure public safety and save
8 lives; and
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10 WHEREAS, in any major natural disaster, it may take as long
11 as seventy-two hours for emergency personnel to get to
12 evacuation zones to offer assistance or perform rescues from
13 buildings; and
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15 WHEREAS, during natural disaster warnings, such as the 2012
16 tsunami scare, some people refused to evacuate their homes and
17 businesses refused to close, which created traffic hazards and
18 threats to public safety; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
22 that the Hawaii State Civil Defense is encouraged to conduct a
23 study regarding what actions, if any, should be taken by the
24 State in the interest of public safety when people refuse to
25 leave their homes and businesses refuse to close in evacuation
26 zones during natural disasters; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Civil Defense
29 is requested to provide the Legislature with a progress report
30 on the study no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2014 and provide a final report,
32 including its findings and recommendations, to the Legislature
33 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
34 Session of 2015; and



