
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ESTABLISH
A TWO-YEAR TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS KEY FINDINGS VALIDATED BY
THE 2022 RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE HAWAII
MARITIME TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM PROJECT AND PLAN RESILIENCY ENHANCEMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP)
2 of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency is a
3 cooperative assessment and analysis of specific critical
4 infrastructure that identifies a range of infrastructure
5 resilience issues that could have significant regional and
6 national consequences; and
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8 WHEREAS, the RRAP fosters strong partnerships with federal,
9 state, and local government officials, as well as private sector
10 organizations to ensure the quality of critical infrastructure;
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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency partnered
14 with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's RRAP
15 with the goal of better preparing for, responding to, and
16 recovering from a catastrophic incident affecting maritime
17 transportation systems; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
20 specifically requested that the project identify best practices
21 and lessons learned from past disruptions of the maritime
22 transportation systems; and
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24 WHEREAS, Hawaii's maritime transportation system is vital
25 to the State's supply chains and also plays an important role in
26 the supply chains serving American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth
27 of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Micronesia; and
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1 WHEREAS, the port of Honolulu, a crucial part of the
2 maritime transportation system, is critical in providing goods
3 to the residents of the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, approximately eighty percent of all inbound
6 products transit through the port of Honolulu; and
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8 WHEREAS, any prolonged interruption of the port's operation
9 could quickly create severe commodity shortages and cascading
10 consequences for the State; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Maritime Transportation RRAP Project
13 (RRAP Project) examined various factors related to the ability
14 of Hawaii's maritime transportation system to sustain operations
15 should the port of Honolulu become inoperable for an extended
16 period of time; and
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18 WHEREAS, the RRAP Project validated two options for the
19 State if the port of Honolulu were to become inoperable; and
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21 WHEREAS, the RRAP Project focused on the reliance on Pearl
22 Harbor as the alternate port and considered the question of
23 whether other ports could serve as an alternate for the port of
24 Honolulu; and
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26 WHEREAS, the RRAP Project also examined a Reverse Hub and
27 Spoke Concept; and
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29 WHEREAS, the RRAP Project resulted in a Resiliency
30 Assessment report, which included three key findings and
31 resiliency enhancement options for each finding; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Resiliency Assessment report's three key
34 findings include:
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36 (1) That the alternate port concept and Reverse Hub and
37 Spoke concept lack necessary formalization,
38 documentation, and testing;
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40 (2) Detailed security protocols for the alternate port
41 concept and Reverse Hub and Spoke concept are not



1 sufficiently included in Memorandums of Understanding
2 or agency plans; and
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- 4 (3) That the designation of an alternate port other than
5 Pearl Harbor has not been sufficiently examined; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Resiliency Assessment report further found
8 that Hawaii will need to update and create a robust alternative
9 port and Reverse Hub and Spoke plan and consider significant
10 investments in resiliency-related infrastructure upgrades across
11 the State; and
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13 WHEREAS, addressing the key findings in the Resiliency
14 Assessment report and planning resiliency enhancements will
15 better inform the State and its key maritime stakeholders
16 regarding alternate emergency maritime options and assist in the
17 creation of more robust plans; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Emergency
22 Management Agency, in conjunction with the Harbors Division of
23 the Department of Transportation, is requested to establish a
24 two-year task force to address the key findings of the July 2022
25 Resiliency Assessment report of the Hawaii Maritime
26 Transportation RRAP Project and plan for related resiliency
27 enhancements; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include but not
30 be limited to:
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- 32 (1) The Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management
33 Agency, who is requested to serve as the chairperson
34 of the task force;
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36 (2) The Deputy Director of Transportation, Harbors
37 Division; and
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39 (3) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Harbors Users
40 Group or their designee; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addressing or implementing
2 the key findings or resilience enhancement options, the
3 Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is
4 requested to invite other representatives of organizations to
5 participate in the task force, as necessary; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
8 submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations,
9 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
10 than December 1, 2023; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
13 submit a final report of its findings and recommendations,
14 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
15 than December 1, 2024; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Deputy Director of
19 Transportation, Harbors Division; Administrator of the Hawaii
20 Emergency Management Agency; and Executive Director of the
21 Hawaii Harbors Users Group.

