
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF
ALLOWING THE FACILITIES AT LUALUALEI, WHICH ARE OWNED BY
THE UNITED STATES NAVY, TO BE USED AS AN EMERGENCY SHELTER
FOR CIVILIANS.

1 WHEREAS, natural disasters appear to be increasing in
2 frequency and intensity; and

3
4 WHEREAS, the State must have a comprehensive emergency
5 preparedness program to mitigate hazards, enhance preparedness
6 for major disasters, and accelerate response and recovery when
7 disaster strikes; and

8
9 WHEREAS, current concerns and challenges for the State
10 Civil Defense are the lack of emergency spaces throughout the
11 State, evacuation of tourists and residents, evacuation of the
12 special needs population, special needs emergency shelters, and
13 the development and maintenance of plans, public awareness, and
14 involvement; and

15
16 WHEREAS, plans to protect the public health, safety, and
17 welfare during disasters caused by fire, flood, tidal wave,
18 earthquake, or other natural causes and enemy attack, sabotage,
19 and other hostile action must be made to ensure the ability for
20 people to move quickly and efficiently to safe shelters; and

21
22 WHEREAS, the communities of Waianae, Makaha, Makua, Honokai
23 Hale, Nanakuli, and Lualualei have only one major roadway with
24 which to enter or exit their districts and in a time of
25 emergency this highway can easily become congested or even shut
26 down completely; and



1 WHEREAS, shelters for the people on the west coast of Oahu
2 need to be in a close and convenient location, large enough to
3 handle evacuees from the area, and structurally able to bear the
4 brunt of disasters such as hurricanes; and

5
6 WHEREAS, about one thousand seven hundred acres at
7 Lualualei were taken from the Hawaiian Home Lands in 1930 and
8 1933 under federal executive orders when Hawaii was a territory
9 and turned over to the United States Navy for ammunition
10 storage; and

11
12 WHEREAS, within the valley at the base of the Waianae
13 Mountain range are two hundred sixty six underground and above-
14 ground ammunition storage areas that make up the Lualualei Naval
15 Magazine; and

16
17 WHEREAS, the facilities in the Lualualei Naval Magazine may
18 make an ideal site for emergency shelters due to their location
19 and the structural integrity of the bunker-style storage areas;
20 now, therefore,

21
22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Civil Defense
25 Division of the Department of Defense is requested to conduct a
26 study to determine the feasibility of allowing the facilities at
27 Lualualei, which are owned by the United States Navy, to be used
28 as an emergency shelter for civilians; and

29
30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study should
31 examine:

- 32
33 (1) Any necessary agreements between the State and the
34 United States Navy;
35
36 (2) The sufficiency and capacity of the facilities to
37 provide emergency shelter;
38
39 (3) Logistical challenges to making all or part of the
40 facilities available to civilians for use during an
41 emergency;
42
43 (4) Any costs involved; and
44



1 (5) Any other pertinent issues; and
2

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Civil Defense Division is
4 also requested to submit a report of its findings, including any
5 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
6 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
7

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the
10 United States Pacific Fleet, Hawaii's congressional delegation,
11 the Governor, and the State Adjutant General.

