
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF EVERY PUBLIC SAFE ROOM IN HAWAII PROVIDING SUITABLE SHELTER FROM VOG AND DEVELOP PLANS TO ESTABLISH SUCH SAFE ROOMS IN ADDITIONAL AREAS THAT NEED THEM.

1 WHEREAS, the ongoing eruption at Kilauea Volcano continues
2 to spew thousands of tons of ash and dangerous sulfur dioxide
3 gas daily; and

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5 WHEREAS, when Kona weather with southerly winds settles in,
6 various parts of Hawaii County are immersed in health-
7 threatening vog that forms when sulfur dioxide mixes with
8 sunlight and dust particles; and

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10 WHEREAS, the volume of vog in the air above many
11 communities has jumped dramatically since March 2008, when the
12 amount of sulfur dioxide spewing from Kilauea began to double;
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15 WHEREAS, the noxious gases emitted from a volcano can
16 settle on a community too quickly for the entire community to
17 timely evacuate; and

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19 WHEREAS, in those situations, it would be more practical
20 for residents to remain indoors, minimize outdoor activity, and
21 seek shelter from volcanic emissions in safe rooms; and

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23 WHEREAS, safe rooms equipped with air conditioners and air
24 purifiers can provide effective shelter from vog; and

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26 WHEREAS, a comprehensive account of every publicly
27 accessible safe room providing suitable shelter from vog would
28 greatly bolster vog-related preparation and response efforts;
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