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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE HAZARD MITIGATION FORUM TO STUDY MEASURES  
TO MITIGATE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH STATE FLOOD HAZARDS.

1           WHEREAS, flooding is a major problem for various parts of  
2 the State, not only causing physical damage to structures, but  
3 also creating dangerous travel conditions that lead to road  
4 closures and the potential loss of life; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the flash flooding of Puuhulu Stream in Waianae  
7 Valley in December of 2008 and January of 2011 caused  
8 significant erosion of the banks along the stream and property  
9 damage; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the lack of drainage has caused recurring flooding  
12 of the Lualualei Watershed in Waianae Valley, resulting in  
13 unsafe road conditions, flooded streets, homes, vegetable farms,  
14 ranches, hog farms, and flooding on the United States Navy  
15 facility at Lualualei; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the flash flooding along the Honouliuli Stream in  
18 Ewa in December of 2008 and January of 2011 resulted in water  
19 and debris sweeping through farms, ranches, and neighborhoods;  
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22           WHEREAS, the flash flooding along the Waiahole Stream in  
23 windward Oahu in December of 2008 and January of 2011 resulted  
24 in the continued erosion of stream banks and damage to private  
25 property, including repetitive damage to a plant nursery; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the flash flooding along the Kaukonahua Stream,  
28 Paukauila Stream, Opaepala Stream, and Helemano Stream in the  
29 Waiialua Watershed, north shore Oahu, in December 2008 continued  
30 damage that has included erosion of stream banks and damage to  
31 roads, homes, and businesses, and in 1974, the loss of life; and  
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33           WHEREAS, the flash flooding along the Hanalei River, Kauai  
34 County, in 2010 resulted in the breach of stream banks, causing



1 a diversion away from the irrigation systems on which taro farms  
2 depend; and

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4 WHEREAS, addressing the State's flood concerns requires a  
5 coordinated effort among private property owners and state,  
6 county, and federal agencies, along with necessary funding; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State Hazard Mitigation Forum comprises a  
9 broad spectrum of agencies to include representatives from all  
10 four counties, the federal government, various state agencies,  
11 and members of the private sector; and

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13 WHEREAS, the State Hazard Mitigation Forum makes  
14 recommendations to the Adjutant General with regard to grant  
15 awards for statewide mitigation projects; and

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17 WHEREAS, the State Hazard Mitigation Forum evaluates and  
18 prioritizes measures to mitigate the risks associated with  
19 hazards; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,  
23 that the State Hazard Mitigation Forum is urged to study  
24 measures to mitigate risks associated with flood hazards; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Hazard Mitigation  
27 Forum is requested to explore funding options to address the  
28 State's flood concerns; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Hazard Mitigation  
31 Forum is requested to report to the Legislature its findings and  
32 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later  
33 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
34 of 2012; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General and  
38 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

