
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONVENE
AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REVIEW TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2018, at approximately 8:06 a.m.,
2 the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, an agency of the State
3 of Hawaii Department of Defense, issued a ballistic missile
4 alert that incorrectly informed mobile phone users across the
5 State that Hawaii was under a missile attack; and

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7 WHEREAS, although officials in the Hawaii Emergency
8 Management Agency and other governmental agencies knew almost
9 immediately that the alert was false, mobile phone users were
10 not informed that the alert was false until approximately
11 8:45 a.m. that day; and

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13 WHEREAS, on January 30, 2018, the Governor and the Adjutant
14 General of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense released
15 the results of an internal investigative memorandum dated
16 January 29, 2018, regarding the foregoing incident; and

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18 WHEREAS, the memorandum stated that insufficient management
19 controls, poor computer software design, and human factors
20 contributed to the dissemination of the false ballistic missile
21 alert and the delay in the dissemination of the correction
22 message on January 13, 2018; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the State of Hawaii
27 Department of Defense is requested to convene an emergency
28 management agency review task force for the purposes of:

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30 (1) Reviewing the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency's
31 operations with respect to notifying the public of
32 imminent ballistic missile attacks;



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(2) Considering whether the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency should be the entity that notifies the public of imminent ballistic missile attacks; and

(3) Evaluating whether the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is capable of notifying the public of imminent ballistic missile attacks in light of the January 29, 2018, internal investigative memorandum and its findings on the agency's preparedness, protocol procedures, personnel, training protocols, leadership matrix, communication system procedures, and lines of communication with the United States Pacific Command; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at a minimum, the following individuals are requested to serve and be included as members of the emergency management agency review task force:

- (1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;
- (2) The Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee;
- (3) The Director of Transportation or the Director's designee;
- (4) The Superintendent of Education or the Superintendent's designee;
- (5) The President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority or the President's designee;
- (6) The Commander of the United States Pacific Command or the Commander's designee;
- (7) The Executive Director of the Disability and Communication Access Board or the Executive Director's designee;
- (8) The Chair of the State Emergency Communications Committee or the Chair's designee;



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- 2 (9) The Director of the Department of Emergency
- 3 Management, City and County of Honolulu, or the
- 4 Director's designee;
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- 6 (10) The Administrator of the Emergency Management Agency,
- 7 County of Maui, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 9 (11) The Administrator of the Civil Defense Agency, County
- 10 of Hawaii, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 12 (12) The Administrator of the Emergency Management Agency,
- 13 County of Kauai, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 15 (13) The President of the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii or the
- 16 President's designee;
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- 18 (14) The President of the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism
- 19 Association or the President's designee;
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- 21 (15) The President of The Hawaii Association of
- 22 Broadcasters, Inc., or the President's designee;
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- 24 (16) One representative from Hawaii's airline industry
- 25 designated by the Governor;
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- 27 (17) One representative from Hawaii's airline industry
- 28 designated by the President of the Senate;
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- 30 (18) One representative from Hawaii's airline industry
- 31 designated by the Speaker of the House of
- 32 Representatives;
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- 34 (19) One representative from Hawaii's shipping industry
- 35 designated by the President of the Senate;
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- 37 (20) One representative from Hawaii's shipping industry
- 38 designated by the Speaker of the House of
- 39 Representatives;
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- 41 (21) One representative from the community designated by
- 42 the President of the Senate; and



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2 (22) One representative from the community designated by
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the emergency
6 management agency review task force are requested to elect a
7 chair, a vice chair, and any other necessary officers from among
8 the members; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency management agency
11 review task force is requested to convene its first meeting no
12 later than July 1, 2018; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency management agency
15 review task force is requested to submit:
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17 (1) A preliminary report on its progress to the
18 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
19 convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and
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21 (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations to
22 the Legislature, including any proposed legislation,
23 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
24 the Regular Session of 2020; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency management agency
27 review task force is requested to cease to exist on June 30,
28 2020; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the
32 President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives; the Adjutant General; the Director of
34 Transportation; the Superintendent of Education; the President
35 of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; the Commander of the United
36 States Pacific Command; the Executive Director of the Disability
37 and Communication Access Board; the Chair of the State Emergency
38 Communications Committee; the Director of the Department of
39 Emergency Management, City and County of Honolulu; the
40 Administrator of the Emergency Management Agency, County of
41 Maui; the Administrator of the Civil Defense Agency, County of
42 Hawaii; the Administrator of the Emergency Management Agency,



- 1 County of Kauai; the President of the Chamber of Commerce
- 2 Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism
- 3 Association; and the President of The Hawaii Association of
- 4 Broadcasters, Inc.

