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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO INCLUDE IN ITS LIST OF FIRST RESPONDERS  
A NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS CONTRACTED TO IMMEDIATELY  
PROVIDE FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND ICE TO CITIZENS DURING A  
NATURAL DISASTER.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii faces an elevated risk of harm from natural  
2 disasters primarily because of the State's location in the  
3 middle of the Pacific Ocean and the detrimental effects of  
4 climate change; and

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6 WHEREAS, in the event of a natural disaster, Hawaii's  
7 residents need to be adequately supplied with food and supplies  
8 because aid may not be immediately available; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Department of Defense recommends  
11 that residents have an emergency preparedness kit that has at  
12 least fourteen days of food, water, and medications, among other  
13 necessities, in preparation for a hurricane, tsunami, or other  
14 natural disaster; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Department of Defense  
17 specifically recommends one gallon of water per person per day  
18 for drinking and sanitation; and

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20 WHEREAS, while first responders provide valuable assistance  
21 at the scene of a disaster, these specialized workers are  
22 generally paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police  
23 officers, firefighters, rescuers, and other specially trained  
24 individuals who are not required or equipped to provide large  
25 amounts of food, water, and medications to residents; and

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27 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to  
28 proactively prepare for natural disasters, including by securing  
29 a strong network of relief supply organizations to ensure that



1 affected residents have access to food, water, and supplies;  
2 now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the State is requested  
7 to include in its list of first responders a network of  
8 organizations contracted to immediately provide food, beverages,  
9 and ice to residents during a natural disaster; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management  
12 Agency is requested to:  
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14 (1) Develop a list of organizations willing to contract  
15 with the State to immediately provide food, beverages,  
16 and ice to residents during a natural disaster; and  
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18 (2) Submit the list of organizations with the Agency's  
19 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
20 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
21 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
22 2019; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Adjutant General,  
26 Hawaii Emergency Management Agency Administrator and Executive  
27 Officer, Director of Transportation, the Mayors of each of the  
28 counties, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the  
29 Retail Merchants of Hawaii.  
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OFFERED BY:

