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SENATE 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
30 affected residents have access to food, water, and supplies;
31 now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, that the State is requested to include in its list of first responders a network of organizations contracted to immediately provide food, beverages, and ice to residents during a natural disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is requested to:

- (1) Develop a list of organizations willing to contract with the State to immediately provide food, beverages, and ice to residents during a natural disaster; and
- (2) Submit the list of organizations with the Agency's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Adjutant General, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency Administrator and Executive Officer, Director of Transportation, the Mayors of each of the counties, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY:

