
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 then took 38
6 minutes to notify users that this was a false alarm; and
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8 WHEREAS, on February 18, 2018, the Deputy Adjutant General
9 of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense issued a review of
10 this incident, the All-Hazards Preparedness Improvement Action
11 Plan and Report; and
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13 WHEREAS, this report emphasizes the need to develop a
14 comprehensive strategic plan for the Hawaii Emergency Management
15 Agency using a "whole of community" approach to preparedness and
16 resiliency; and
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18 WHEREAS, the report also recommends full participation of
19 federal, state, county, and private emergency management
20 stakeholders in the planning process; and
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22 WHEREAS, there have been several incidents of warning
23 sirens being activated accidentally or without adequate advance
24 notice, causing public alarm; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the State of Hawaii
29 Department of Defense is requested to convene an emergency
30 management agency review task force for the purposes of:



- 1 (1) Reviewing the capabilities and weaknesses of the State
- 2 and counties in emergency notification and disaster
- 3 planning, response, and recovery;
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- 5 (2) Assessing whether emergency coordination and disaster
- 6 preparedness among federal, state, county, and private
- 7 stakeholders is adequate; and
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- 9 (3) Recommending whether new public schools and government
- 10 buildings in the State should be required to include a
- 11 safe room or area capable of withstanding a category 3
- 12 hurricane for occupants; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at a minimum, the following
 15 individuals are requested to serve and be included as members of
 16 the emergency management agency review task force:

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- 18 (1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;
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- 20 (2) The Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's
- 21 designee;
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- 23 (3) The Director of Transportation or the Director's
- 24 designee;
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- 26 (4) The Superintendent of Education or the
- 27 Superintendent's designee;
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- 29 (5) The President of the University of Hawaii or the
- 30 President's designee;
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- 32 (6) The President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority or the
- 33 President's designee;
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- 35 (7) The Commander of the United States Pacific Command or
- 36 the Commander's designee;
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- 38 (8) The Executive Director of the Disability and
- 39 Communication Access Board or the Executive Director's
- 40 designee;



- 1 (9) The Chair of the State Emergency Communications
2 Committee or the Chair's designee;
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- 4 (10) The Director of the Department of Emergency
5 Management, City and County of Honolulu, or the
6 Director's designee;
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- 8 (11) The Administrator of the Emergency Management Agency,
9 County of Maui, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 11 (12) The Administrator of the Civil Defense Agency, County
12 of Hawaii, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 14 (13) The Administrator of the Emergency Management Agency,
15 County of Kauai, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 17 (14) The President of The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii or the
18 President's designee;
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- 20 (15) The President of the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism
21 Association or the President's designee;
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- 23 (16) The President of The Hawaii Association of
24 Broadcasters, Inc., or the President's designee;
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- 26 (17) A Co-Chair of the Airlines Committee of Hawaii or the
27 Co-Chair's designee;
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- 29 (18) The President of the Hawaii Shippers' Council or the
30 President's designee;
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- 32 (19) The President of the Hawaii Maritime Council or the
33 President's designee;
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- 35 (20) One representative from the community designated by
36 the President of the Senate; and
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- 38 (21) One representative from the community designated by
39 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the emergency
42 management agency review task force are requested to elect a



1 chair, a vice chair, and any other necessary officers from among
2 the members; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency management agency
5 review task force is requested to convene its first meeting no
6 later than July 1, 2018; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency management agency
9 review task force is requested to submit:

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11 (1) A preliminary report on its progress to the
12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
13 convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

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15 (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations to
16 the Legislature, including any proposed legislation,
17 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the Regular Session of 2020; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency management agency
21 review task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2020; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the
25 Adjutant General; the Director of Transportation; the
26 Superintendent of Education; the President of the University of
27 Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; the
28 Commander of the United States Pacific Command; the Executive
29 Director of the Disability and Communication Access Board; the
30 Chair of the State Emergency Communications Committee; the
31 Director of the Department of Emergency Management, City and
32 County of Honolulu; the Administrator of the Emergency
33 Management Agency, County of Maui; the Administrator of the
34 Civil Defense Agency, County of Hawaii; the Administrator of the
35 Emergency Management Agency, County of Kauai; the President of
36 The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii
37 Lodging and Tourism Association; the President of The Hawaii
38 Association of Broadcasters, Inc.; the Co-Chairs of the Airlines
39 Committee of Hawaii; the President of the Hawaii Shippers'
40 Council; and the President of the Hawaii Maritime Council.

