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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO DEVELOP A  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO DRAIN AND CLEAR STREAMS AND CANALS  
THAT FLOW IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN WAIHAOLE AND OTHER  
KOOLAULOA COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, streams and canals on the island of Oahu have not  
2 been maintained, which causes significant damage to property and  
3 risks loss of life during heavy rains; and  
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5 WHEREAS, as a result of recent heavy rainfall that caused  
6 flooding in certain parts of Oahu, residents of Haleiwa and  
7 Waialua were not given sufficient warning to evacuate the area,  
8 which could have resulted in catastrophic loss of life; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the guidance for evacuation of areas like Haleiwa  
11 and Waialua was confusing, leaving residents trapped in their  
12 homes and unsure what to do, even after the flooding subsided;  
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15 WHEREAS, residents of Koolauloa continue to struggle to  
16 dispose of debris and mud from recent flooding and have not  
17 received any assistance from county or state government; now,  
18 therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
22 of 2021, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to  
23 develop a comprehensive plan to drain and clear streams and  
24 canals that flow in residential areas in Waiahole and other  
25 Koolauloa communities; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Emergency Management  
28 Agency and Department of Emergency Management of the City and  
29 County of Honolulu is requested to improve the flash flood  
30 warning system; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu  
2 is requested to create a comprehensive action plan for each  
3 Council District to mitigate the impacts of flooding and  
4 hurricanes; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Police Department,  
7 Honolulu Fire Department, and Department of Emergency Management  
8 of the City and County of Honolulu are requested to coordinate  
9 more closely to ensure that residents have safe evacuation  
10 routes in the event of flooding; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General, Mayor of the  
14 City and County of Honolulu, Director of the Department of  
15 Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu, Chief  
16 of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and Fire Chief of  
17 the Honolulu Fire Department.

