
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ESTABLISH A TWO-YEAR TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS KEY FINDINGS VALIDATED BY THE 2022 RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE HAWAII MARITIME TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM PROJECT AND PLAN RESILIENCY ENHANCEMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP)
2 of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency is a
3 cooperative assessment and analysis of specific critical
4 infrastructure that identifies a range of infrastructure
5 resilience issues that could have significant regional and
6 national consequences; and

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8 WHEREAS, the RRAP fosters strong partnerships with federal,
9 state, and local government officials, as well as private sector
10 organizations to ensure the quality of critical infrastructure;
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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency partnered
14 with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's RRAP
15 with the goal of better preparing for, responding to, and
16 recovering from a catastrophic incident affecting maritime
17 transportation systems; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
20 specifically requested that the project identify best practices
21 and lessons learned from past disruptions of the maritime
22 transportation systems; and

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24 WHEREAS, Hawaii's maritime transportation system is vital
25 to the State's supply chains and also plays an important role in
26 the supply chains serving American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth
27 of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Micronesia; and

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29 WHEREAS, the port of Honolulu, a crucial part of the
30 maritime transportation system, is critical in providing goods
31 to the residents of the State; and



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2 WHEREAS, approximately eighty percent of all inbound
3 products transit through the port of Honolulu; and
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5 WHEREAS, any prolonged interruption of the port's operation
6 could quickly create severe commodity shortages and cascading
7 consequences for the State; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Maritime Transportation RRAP Project
10 (RRAP Project) examined various factors related to the ability
11 of Hawaii's maritime transportation system to sustain operations
12 should the port of Honolulu become inoperable for an extended
13 period of time; and
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15 WHEREAS, the RRAP Project validated two options for the
16 State if the port of Honolulu were to become inoperable; and
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18 WHEREAS, the RRAP Project focused on the reliance on Pearl
19 Harbor as the alternate port and considered the question of
20 whether other ports could serve as an alternate for the port of
21 Honolulu; and
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23 WHEREAS, the RRAP Project also examined a Reverse Hub and
24 Spoke Concept; and
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26 WHEREAS, the RRAP Project resulted in a Resiliency
27 Assessment report, which included three key findings and
28 resiliency enhancement options for each finding; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Resiliency Assessment report's three key
31 findings include:
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33 (1) That the alternate port concept and Reverse Hub and
34 Spoke concept lack necessary formalization,
35 documentation, and testing;
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37 (2) Detailed security protocols for the alternate port
38 concept and Reverse Hub and Spoke concept are not
39 sufficiently included in Memorandums of Understanding
40 or agency plans; and
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1 (3) That the designation of an alternate port other than
2 Pearl Harbor has not been sufficiently examined; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Resiliency Assessment report further found
5 that Hawaii will need to update and create a robust alternative
6 port and Reverse Hub and Spoke plan and consider significant
7 investments in resiliency-related infrastructure upgrades across
8 the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, addressing the key findings in the Resiliency
11 Assessment report and planning resiliency enhancements will
12 better inform the State and its key maritime stakeholders
13 regarding alternate emergency maritime options and assist in the
14 creation of more robust plans; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
18 that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with
19 the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation, is
20 requested to establish a two-year task force to address the key
21 findings of the July 2022 Resiliency Assessment report of the
22 Hawaii Maritime Transportation RRAP Project and plan for related
23 resiliency enhancements; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include but not
26 be limited to:
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28 (1) The Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management
29 Agency, who is requested to serve as the chairperson
30 of the task force;
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32 (2) The Deputy Director of Transportation, Harbors
33 Division; and
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35 (3) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Harbors Users
36 Group or their designee; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addressing or implementing
39 the key findings or resilience enhancement options, the
40 Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is
41 requested to invite other representatives of organizations to
42 participate in the task force, as necessary; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
3 submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations,
4 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
5 than December 1, 2023; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
8 submit a final report of its findings and recommendations,
9 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
10 than December 1, 2024; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Deputy Director of
14 Transportation, Harbors Division; Administrator of the Hawaii
15 Emergency Management Agency; and Executive Director of the
16 Hawaii Harbors Users Group.

