



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 23-240, CD1

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PRESENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ADDRESS LONG-TERM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NO LATER THAN 120 DAYS PRIOR TO THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is crucial for the safety and well-being of all residents of the City and County of Honolulu ("City") and indeed all residents of the State of Hawai'i ("State"); and

WHEREAS, in February 2022, the State issued the *State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan – Base Plan* ("State Plan"), which indexed wildfires as a "low" to "medium" risk; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, several large wildfires started on the island of Maui, specifically in the Kula, Lahaina, Pulehu/Kihei, and Pu'ukoli'i/Kā'anapali areas; and

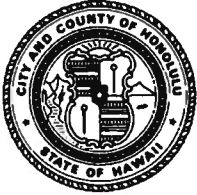
WHEREAS, damage assessment maps from the Maui wildfires, released by the Pacific Disaster Center and the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), identified thousands of acres of burned land and damaged or destroyed structures, making the Maui wildfires the worst natural disaster in the history of the State and the deadliest wildfire in the United States in more than a century; and

WHEREAS, despite the State Plan's assessment of wildfires as a low risk, FEMA determined that the risk of wildfires for the City is relatively high, with a risk index score of 99 percent when compared to the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, FEMA data indicate that the State incidence of federally declared disasters, including wildfires, has increased by more than five times from the 1980s to the present time; and

WHEREAS, a key component of any successful emergency management plan is preparedness, and the State Plan indicates that the first step in helping the people of Hawai'i cope with emergencies is to develop and provide a plan of preparedness; and

WHEREAS, driven by the critical need to effectively address long-term emergency preparedness, on December 9, 2020, the City Council ("Council") adopted Ordinance 20-47, which, in part, established a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program aimed at reducing the risk of loss of life and property by lessening the impact of natural disasters; and



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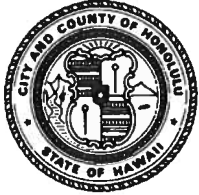
WHEREAS, the Council finds that City residents deserve a proactive and comprehensive approach to emergency preparedness that not only identifies emergency mitigation strategies, but also addresses the underlying long-term or long-neglected causes of natural disasters, such as climate change and land use patterns; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that because of the authority granted to the Council under Sections 9-104 and 9-105, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended, to consider, amend, and adopt the annual executive budget ordinances, it is essential that the City Administration annually provide the Council with recommendations to fund an effective City long-term emergency preparedness plan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is requested to present to the City Council budget recommendations that address long-term emergency preparedness no later than 120 days prior to the end of each fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when preparing these annual budget recommendations, the City Administration shall consider:

1. Determining whether moneys in the Reserve for Fiscal Stability Fund may be used for such purposes;
2. Prioritizing funding and resources for communities that have been historically underfunded and face a heightened risk;
3. Collaborating with State and federal agencies, as well as local stakeholders, to ensure that a comprehensive and effective approach is undertaken; and
4. Regularly reviewing and updating emergency preparedness plans as new research, changing climate conditions, and lessons learned from past disasters come to light; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services, the Director of Emergency Management, and the Executive for Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency.

INTRODUCED BY:

Matt Weyer

Radiant Cordero

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

September 27, 2023
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 09/27/23 By: MATT WEYER
RADIANT CORDERO Committee: BUDGET (BUD)

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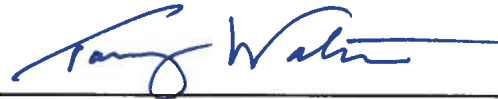
Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

09/27/23	INTRO	Introduced.
10/17/23	BUD	Reported out for adoption as amended in CD1 form. CR-288 5 AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER
11/01/23	CCL	Committee report and Resolution as amended were adopted. 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this
RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER