

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

No. **25-201**

FILED

JUL 16 2026
PURSUANT TO ROH Sec. 1-2.5

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A HEAT HAZARD ANNEX FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, one of the environmental impacts of climate change is the rise of temperatures globally and locally, and the City and County of Honolulu ("City"), especially urban O'ahu, may experience intolerable levels of heat by mid-century; and

WHEREAS, extreme heat can affect public health, triggering heat exhaustion or heat stroke, which occurs when the body cannot cool itself enough to maintain a healthy body temperature; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Ready O'ahu plan (the "Plan") is the City's climate adaptation strategy, which recognizes that as the City works to decrease greenhouse gas emissions, we must also adopt measures to decrease our vulnerability to the hazards caused and enhanced by climate change; and

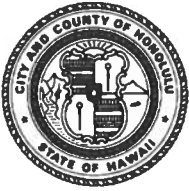
WHEREAS, the Plan includes strategies to keep communities cool as heat waves become more intense, including Strategy 12.4, relating to the development of a Heat Hazard Annex ("Heat Annex") for the City's Emergency Operations Plan ("EOP"); and

WHEREAS, the Heat Annex would lay out which emergency services to activate during a heat wave, such as emergency transportation support and electrical grid conservation efforts, and would provide strategies to support community members in accessing cool spaces and medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Heat Annex would also outline strategies for alerting community members of potential heat waves in order to secure their safety and avoid heat related impacts; and

WHEREAS, expected benefits of the Heat Annex would include reduced heat mortality due to preparedness of emergency workers and improved access to heat relief resources for residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the City's ability to respond to heat emergencies would be greatly enhanced by developing a clear set of standards and plans in the City's EOP to guide the public, emergency responders, and emergency management staff and leadership during such emergencies; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the City Administration to implement Strategy 12.4 of the Climate Ready O'ahu plan by developing a Heat Hazard Annex for the City's Emergency Operations Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor; the Managing Director; the Director of Emergency Management; and the Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency.

INTRODUCED BY:

Radiant Forbes

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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