
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SEEK FEDERAL
GRANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC
PREPAREDNESS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

1 WHEREAS, the Office for Domestic Preparedness is a
2 component of the United States Department of Homeland Security's
3 Office of State and Local Government Coordination and
4 Preparedness, which is the federal government's lead agency
5 responsible for preparing the nation against terrorism by
6 assisting states, local and tribal jurisdictions, and regional
7 authorities as they prevent, deter, and respond to terrorist
8 acts; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Office of State and Local Government
11 Coordination and Preparedness provides a broad array of
12 assistance to America's first responders through funding,
13 coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisition, and
14 technical assistance; and
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16 WHEREAS, the goal of the federal Office of Domestic
17 Preparedness grant program is to provide funding to enhance the
18 capacity of state and local jurisdictions to prevent, respond
19 to, and recover from incidents of terrorism involving chemical,
20 biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive weapons and
21 cyber attacks; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Office of Domestic Preparedness grant programs
24 were initiated in 1998, and currently provide funds to all fifty
25 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
26 Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana
27 Islands, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands; and
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29 WHEREAS, the State Department of Defense has sought an
30 appropriation of \$45,000,000 in the Regular Session of 2006 for:
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- 32 (1) An assessment of the threat of terrorist incidents;
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34 (2) The development of plans to deal with terrorist
35 incidents;



- 1 (3) Training and exercises to implement such plans; and
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- 3 (4) The procurement of equipment, materials, and supplies
- 4 essential to meet the potential threats of
- 5 conventional, chemical, biological, radiological, and
- 6 nuclear weapons;

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii is particularly vulnerable to attack with
11 weapons of mass destruction as a geographically isolated island
12 state; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State Department of Defense has the
15 responsibility to protect the State from terrorist incidents;
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18 WHEREAS, any federal grants to the State Department of
19 Defense to provide homeland security would immensely help the
20 State's civil defense plans; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2006, that Hawaii's Congressional Delegation is requested to
25 seek federal grants from the United States Office for Domestic
26 Preparedness to support the State Department of Defense; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to United States Senator Daniel K.
30 Inouye, United States Senator Daniel K. Akaka, United States
31 Representative Neil Abercrombie, United States Representative Ed
32 Case, the Governor, and the State Adjutant General.

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