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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE  
PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE EMERGENCY  
OPERATING CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that emergency  
2 management is one of the most important functions of the state  
3 government in the protection of lives and property against  
4 disasters; and

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6 WHEREAS, every available minute is needed to assess  
7 potentially dangerous situations and the State must be in a  
8 position to coordinate warnings and actions to protect lives and  
9 property; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to expand and  
12 improve Hawaii's emergency management operations by supporting  
13 the construction of a new State Emergency Operating Center; and

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15 WHEREAS, the around the clock warning capability that a  
16 State Emergency Operations Center can provide should be placed  
17 in a technologically advanced facility that is capable of  
18 accommodating appropriate public and private emergency response  
19 organizations with the requisite communications and information  
20 management systems; and

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22 WHEREAS, historically, the federal government has provided  
23 funding to the states to enhance emergency preparedness; and

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25 WHEREAS, federal funding for the planning, design, and  
26 construction of a new State Emergency Operating Center is  
27 requested; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States  
32 Congress is requested to provide funding in the sum of



\$40,000,000 for the planning, design, and construction of a new State Emergency Operating Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

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