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SENATE 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,
31 that the United States Congress is requested to provide funding
32 in the sum of \$40,000,000 for the planning, design, and
33 construction of a new State Emergency Operating Center; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 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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