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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MANOA TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATUS REPORT OR BRIEF THE LEGISLATURE ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, on August 3, 2007, President Bush signed H.R. 1
2 "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of
3 2007," which authorized the establishment of the National
4 Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of
5 Hawai'i; and

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7 WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center
8 is a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium,
9 which is under the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

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11 WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center
12 will conduct research and develop specific models and tools for
13 monitoring natural hazards and evaluating risks to urban areas,
14 while planning for the response, recovery, and reconstruction of
15 the community in the aftermath of natural disasters; and

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17 WHEREAS, the focus of the National Disaster Preparedness
18 Training Center is on building community resilience to all
19 hazards by developing and training urban first responders,
20 decision makers, policy analysts, and urban planners; and

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22 WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center
23 will provide training consisting of formal degrees and
24 certificate programs, as well as specialized courses, workshops,
25 and conferences; coordinate the sharing of data and information
26 related to disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and
27 recovery; and serve as an incubator for new ideas, technologies,
28 businesses, and partnerships between academia, business, and
29 government; and
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1 WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training
2 Center's mission will be to develop and deliver disaster
3 preparedness training to governmental, private, and non-profit
4 entities, incorporating urban planning with an emphasis on
5 community preparedness and at risk populations; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of
8 the University of Hawai'i at Manoa will house and manage the
9 National Disaster Preparedness Training Center; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii's unique geographic
12 characteristics and vulnerability to natural hazards such as
13 hurricanes, tsunamis, flooding, volcanic eruptions, and
14 earthquakes make it particularly important to develop and
15 provide such training; and

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17 WHEREAS, as a land, sea, and space grant institution and
18 with national and international recognition for its academic and
19 research excellence in the fields of urban planning and earth
20 sciences, the University of Hawai'i at Manoa has the expertise,
21 as well as the research and training programs, in the field of
22 disaster management; and

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24 WHEREAS, the benefits to the people of the State of Hawaii,
25 economic and otherwise, accruing from the establishment of a
26 large federally-funded center will be significant; now,
27 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 2008, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
32 Urban and Regional Planning of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa
33 is requested to provide a written status report or provide a
34 briefing to the Legislature on the proposed National Disaster
35 Preparedness Training Center; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report or briefing include,
38 but not be limited to, proposed legislation to facilitate
39 natural disaster preparedness in the State; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Disaster
42 Preparedness Training Center conduct ongoing consultation with



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1 the State Department of Defense to prepare proposed legislation;
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of Hawai'i, State Adjutant General, Department of Urban and Regional Planning of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; the Governor, and each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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