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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING APPLICATION FOR, GRANTING OF, AND FISCAL SUPPORT FOR  
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND EMERGENCY PREVENTION EFFORTS FOR THE  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN THE WAKE OF THE MARCH 11,  
2011, TSUNAMI.

1           WHEREAS, the Japanese earthquake on March 10, 2011, and the  
2 resulting tsunami on March 10th and 11th caused catastrophic  
3 damage to the country of Japan, resulting in widespread loss of  
4 life; and

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6           WHEREAS, according to United States Geological Survey  
7 records, the earthquake measuring 8.9 on the richter scale was  
8 the strongest in recorded history to hit Japan; and

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10           WHEREAS, many residents of Hawaii have been deeply affected  
11 by the disaster and especially by the tsunami generated by the  
12 earthquake; and

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14           WHEREAS, the tsunami caused significant damage within the  
15 City and County of Honolulu; and

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17           WHEREAS, one of the hardest hit areas on Oahu was the Keehi  
18 Lagoon, where at least twenty-five boats sank and two hundred  
19 boats were damaged when their floating docks broke loose, and  
20 Haleiwa also experienced significant damage; and

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22           WHEREAS, many businesses and homes will need to be rebuilt  
23 or restored as a result of the tsunami; and

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25           WHEREAS, immediate action and emergency relief are needed  
26 to restore general health and safety to the City and County of  
27 Honolulu and to limit economic hardship and job loss; now,  
28 therefore,

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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of  
2 Honolulu is requested to apply for the maximum amount of federal  
3 relief funds available and to cover the requisite cost share for  
4 the Federal Emergency Management Agency's public assistance  
5 program and individual assistance program, as required by the  
6 Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is hereby requested  
9 to assist the City and County of Honolulu to recover from the  
10 tsunami by maximizing available matching funds for federal  
11 reimbursements; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii assemble an  
14 intergovernmental task force to expedite relief for the City and  
15 County of Honolulu; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is  
18 hereby urged to refrain from making any cuts to the critically  
19 important Tsunami Pacific Alert System; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu  
22 is requested to expedite building permits for home owners and  
23 business owners who suffered damage to their properties from the  
24 tsunami so that they may promptly rebuild their establishments  
25 and more quickly recover from the destruction; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, United  
29 States Congressional Delegation for Hawaii, Mayor of the City  
30 and County of Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu Department  
31 of Planning and Permitting, and Director of the Hawaii office of  
32 the Federal Emergency Management Agency.  
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