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SENATE 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,
32 that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to apply for
33 the maximum amount of federal relief funds available and to
34 cover the requisite cost share for the Federal Emergency



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