

MAR 16 2011

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING APPLICATION FOR, GRANTING OF, AND FISCAL SUPPORT FOR
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND EMERGENCY PREVENTION EFFORTS FOR THE
COUNTY OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTY OF MAUI IN THE WAKE OF THE
MARCH 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 County of Hawaii and County of Maui; and

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17 WHEREAS, some of the hardest hit areas include Kealakekua
18 on the Island of Hawaii, where a home was dragged into
19 Kealakekua Bay, and Maalaea Harbor and Kahului on Maui also
20 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 is needed to
26 restore general health and safety to these counties and to limit
27 economic hardship and job loss; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the County of Hawaii



1 and County of Maui are requested to apply for the maximum amount
 2 of federal relief funds available and to cover the requisite
 3 cost share for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's public
 4 assistance program and individual assistance program, as
 5 required by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency
 6 Assistance Act; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is hereby requested
 9 to assist the County of Hawaii and County of Maui to recover
 10 from the tsunami by maximizing available matching funds for
 11 federal 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 County
 15 of Hawaii and County of Maui; 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 County of Hawaii and County
 22 of Maui are requested to expedite building permits for home
 23 owners and business owners who suffered damage to their
 24 properties from the tsunami so that they may promptly rebuild
 25 their establishments and more quickly recover from the
 26 destruction; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, United
 30 States Congressional Delegation for Hawaii, Mayor of the County
 31 of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, County of Maui Planning
 32 Department, County of Hawaii Planning Department, and Director
 33 of the Hawaii office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
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