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SENATE 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,
31 that the County of Hawaii and County of Maui are requested to
32 apply for the maximum amount of federal relief funds available
33 and to cover the requisite cost share for the Federal Emergency
34 Management Agency's public assistance program and individual



1 assistance program, as required by the Robert T. Stafford
2 Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is hereby requested
5 to assist the County of Hawaii and County of Maui to recover
6 from the tsunami by maximizing available matching funds for
7 federal reimbursements; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii assemble an
10 intergovernmental task force to expedite relief for the County
11 of Hawaii and County of Maui; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is
14 hereby urged to refrain from making any cuts to the critically
15 important Tsunami Pacific Alert System; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Hawaii and County
18 of Maui are requested to expedite building permits for home
19 owners and business owners who suffered damage to their
20 properties from the tsunami so that they may promptly rebuild
21 their establishments and more quickly recover from the
22 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 County of
27 Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, County of Maui Planning
28 Department, County of Hawaii Planning Department, and Director
29 of the Hawaii office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
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