
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED STATES CONGRESS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO FULLY SUPPORT HAWAII IN THE SCREENING, PREVENTION, AND CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19.

1 WHEREAS, around the world, as of February 28, 2020, there
2 were 85,206 cases of COVID-19; 2,923 deaths caused by COVID-19;
3 and 39,468 cases of recovery from COVID-19; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the state located closest to China,
6 Korea, and Japan, which have many cases of COVID-19; and
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8 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and
9 Prevention announced on February 25, 2020, that it is only a
10 matter of time before COVID-19 becomes more common and undergoes
11 widespread community transmission in the United States; and
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13 WHEREAS, the President's administration has submitted to
14 Congress a supplemental funding request of \$2.5 billion--with
15 half of that amount from new funding and the other half shifted
16 from other sources--in response to the outbreak of COVID-19; and
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18 WHEREAS, the supplemental funds would be used to support
19 all aspects of the United States' response to COVID-19,
20 including public health preparedness and response efforts;
21 public health surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory testing,
22 and quarantining costs; advanced research and development of new
23 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics; advanced manufacturing
24 enhancements; and the Strategic National Stockpile; and
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26 WHEREAS, funds also would be made available, as necessary,
27 to states that are part of the current national response to
28 COVID-19; and



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1 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and
 2 Prevention has operated a quarantine station in Honolulu for
 3 over twenty years; and
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5 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and
 6 Prevention and United States Customs and Border Protection at
 7 Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, as well as nineteen
 8 other airports across the nation, are monitoring for travelers
 9 with symptoms compatible with COVID-19 infection; now,
 10 therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 14 2020, that the President of the United States, United States
 15 Congress, United States Department of Health and Human Services,
 16 and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are
 17 urged to fully support Hawaii in the screening, prevention, and
 18 containment of COVID-19; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Centers for
 21 Disease Control and Prevention are urged to provide sufficient
 22 numbers of COVID-19 test kits to Hawaii; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
 26 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Minority
 27 Leader of the United States House of Representatives, President
 28 Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Majority and Minority
 29 leaders of the United States Senate, members of Hawaii's
 30 congressional delegation, United States Secretary of Health and
 31 Human Services, and Director of the United States Centers for
 32 Disease Control and Prevention.
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