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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REIMBURSE HAWAII FOR DEBRIS
REMOVAL, THE DREDGING OF TOXIC MATERIALS, AND OTHER
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP EFFORTS IN LAHAINA HARBOR.

1 WHEREAS, in August 2023, Lahaina, on the island of Maui,
2 experienced the fifth deadliest wildfire in United States
3 history; and

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5 WHEREAS, the wildfire deposited toxic materials, ash, and
6 other contaminants into the waters of Lahaina Harbor; and

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8 WHEREAS, more than two thousand two hundred structures were
9 damaged or destroyed in Lahaina and West Maui, eighty-six
10 percent of which were residences; and

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12 WHEREAS, burned or melted building materials, furniture,
13 plastics, and consumer electronics produce toxic substances that
14 have seeped into Lahaina's groundwater, and seepage and runoff
15 further threaten Lahaina's near shore waters; and

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17 WHEREAS, a sediment analysis has confirmed the presence of
18 toxic chemicals and materials in Lahaina Harbor; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
22 that the federal government is urged to reimburse Hawaii for
23 debris removal, the dredging of toxic materials, and other
24 environmental cleanup efforts in Lahaina Harbor; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
3 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Mayor
4 of the County of Maui.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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