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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING STATE DEPARTMENTS TO REQUIRE HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED BY THE LAHAINA FIRES TO EXHAUST THEIR INSURANCE POLICIES BEFORE REQUESTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the recent August 2023 Maui wildfires have caused
2 significant devastation to Lahaina and communities in Hawaii,
3 leaving many individuals and families in need of assistance; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State has limited resources available to
6 provide support to those affected by natural disasters, such as
7 the Lahaina wildfires; and
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9 WHEREAS, many households impacted by the wildfires may have
10 insurance policies that could provide financial assistance to
11 cover damages and losses incurred during the wildfires,
12 including temporary housing assistance; and
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14 WHEREAS, temporary housing through non-congregate shelters
15 is costing the State \$1,000,000 per day; and
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17 WHEREAS, pursuant to G.M. No. 4 (2024), the Governor is
18 requesting an additional \$297,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for
19 non-congregate housing and expenses for households ineligible
20 for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and
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22 WHEREAS, the State has already spent or obligated
23 \$200,000,000 through the Major Disaster Fund; and
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25 WHEREAS, it is important for state departments to
26 prioritize the efficient use of state resources by requiring
27 households to exhaust their insurance policies before requesting
28 financial support from the State; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
32 that state departments are urged to require households impacted
33 by the August 2023 Maui wildfires to exhaust their insurance
34 policies before requesting financial support from the State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state departments are
2 encouraged to provide guidance and assistance to affected
3 households in navigating the insurance claims process and
4 accessing benefits available through their insurance policies;
5 and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state departments are urged to
8 prioritize the allocation of state resources to households that
9 have demonstrated a genuine need for support after exhausting
10 all available insurance coverage; and

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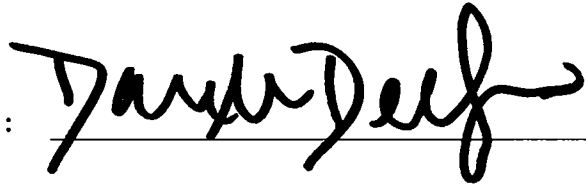
12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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OFFERED BY:

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