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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE EMERGENCY
OPERATING CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that emergency
2 management is one of the most important functions of the state
3 government in the protection of lives and property against
4 disasters; and

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6 WHEREAS, every available minute is needed to assess
7 potentially dangerous situations and the State must be in a
8 position to coordinate warnings and actions to protect lives and
9 property; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to expand and
12 improve Hawaii's emergency management operations by supporting
13 the construction of a new State Emergency Operating Center; and

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15 WHEREAS, the around the clock warning capability that a
16 State Emergency Operations Center can provide should be placed
17 in a technologically advanced facility that is capable of
18 accommodating appropriate public and private emergency response
19 organizations with the requisite communications and information
20 management systems; and

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22 WHEREAS, historically, the federal government has provided
23 funding to the states to enhance emergency preparedness; and

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25 WHEREAS, federal funding for the planning, design, and
26 construction of a new State Emergency Operating Center is
27 requested; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
31 that the United States Congress is requested to provide funding
32 in the sum of \$40,000,000 for the planning, design, and
33 construction of a new State Emergency Operating Center; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United
3 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
4 Representatives, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional
5 Delegation.

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