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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
PROVIDE FUNDING NEED PROJECTIONS FOR FLOOD MITIGATION AND
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECTS RELATED TO THE ALA
WAI WATERSHED.

1 WHEREAS, the Ala Wai watershed is located in the City and
2 County of Honolulu, and is generally described as including the
3 area located between the Kaimuki crest and Diamond Head to the
4 east, Tantalus, Papakolea, Punchbowl, and Kakaako to the west,
5 the Koolau mountain range to the north, and Mamala Bay to the
6 south; and

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8 WHEREAS, the area includes the most densely populated
9 portion of Honolulu's primary urban center, including the
10 University of Hawaii at Manoa campus, and Waikiki, which is a
11 primary visitor destination and a critical economic engine in
12 the State; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Manoa Stream flood on October 30, 2004, was a
15 twenty-five-year magnitude event that caused \$100,000,000 in
16 damage throughout the Ala Wai watershed area and especially to
17 the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus and facilities; and

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19 WHEREAS, flooding and landslide events in 2006 and 2007 at
20 various locations through the Ala Wai watershed area, including
21 Manoa, Moiliili, Maunalaha, Makiki, Pawaa, and McCully damaged
22 many residential, commercial, and public properties; and

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24 WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Natural
25 Resources Conservation Service, Federal Emergency Management
26 Agency, the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, and
27 the City and County of Honolulu have initiated various planning
28 projects to address the flood mitigation and watershed
29 management needs of the Ala Wai watershed, and these projects
30 also have the potential to serve as models for other ahupuaa and
31 watersheds in the State; and



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2 WHEREAS, during the past ten years, the Legislature has
3 received requests to provide funding for planning and
4 implementation of various projects in the Ala Wai watershed on
5 an ad hoc basis, and it would be beneficial to have a more
6 comprehensive projection of the funding needs for the flood
7 mitigation and watershed management planning projects currently
8 ongoing or expected to be initiated for the Ala Wai watershed;
9 now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
14 and Natural Resources is requested to provide funding need
15 projections for flood mitigation and watershed management
16 planning projects related to the Ala Wai watershed that are
17 currently ongoing or expected to be initiated in the near
18 future; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
21 Natural Resources is requested to report its findings and
22 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
23 prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Project Manager of
27 the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Hawaii office of
28 the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Hawaii office of
29 the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Chairperson of the
30 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of
31 Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu, and
32 the Director of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of
33 Honolulu.

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