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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND MAYORS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTIES TO
ENSURE THAT THE COSTS OF COVID-19 VACCINES AND VACCINATION
PROGRAMS ARE REIMBURSED FROM FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY FUNDS UNTIL THOSE FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED BEFORE OTHER
STATE FUNDS ARE EXPENDED.

1 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic
2 has had a deleterious effect on the economy of the United States
3 and the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, distribution of vaccines for the SARS-CoV-2 virus
6 began in the United States in January of 2021; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
9 granted the State \$87,400,000 to open multiple, state-led
10 community vaccination sites; and

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12 WHEREAS, the FEMA funds will reimburse expenses for medical
13 and support staff; personal protective equipment; facility costs
14 and supplies required to store, handle, transport, and
15 administer vaccines; and efforts to share public information
16 regarding vaccinations; and

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18 WHEREAS, FEMA's Public Assistance program will provide the
19 initial \$87,400,000 of the \$174,800,000 expedited project, and
20 additional funding will be reimbursed upon submission of
21 documentation supporting further expenditures; and

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23 WHEREAS, funds from FEMA's Public Assistance program are
24 also available to certain private non-profit (PNP)
25 organizations, provided that the PNP organization can show that
26 it has a ruling letter from the Internal Revenue Service
27 granting tax exemption under sections 501(c), (d), or (e) of the
28 Internal Revenue Code and documentation from the State
29 substantiating that the non-revenue producing organization or



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entity is a nonprofit entity organized or doing business under state law; and

WHEREAS, because the State has limited funds due to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that FEMA funds be fully expended before appropriating other funds for vaccines or vaccination programs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor and mayors of the respective counties are urged to ensure that the costs of COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination programs are reimbursed from FEMA funds until those funds are exhausted before other State funds are expended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and Mayor of the County of Kauai.

OFFERED BY:


