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# SENATE 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  
30 entity is a nonprofit entity organized or doing business under  
31 state law; and

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1           WHEREAS, because the State has limited funds due to the  
2 economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that  
3 FEMA funds be fully expended before appropriating other funds  
4 for vaccines or vaccination programs; now, therefore,  
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6           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,  
8 that the Governor and mayors of the respective counties are  
9 urged to ensure that the costs of COVID-19 vaccines and  
10 vaccination programs are reimbursed from FEMA funds until those  
11 funds are exhausted before other State funds are expended; and  
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13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and  
15 County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the  
16 County of Hawaii, and Mayor of the County of Kauai.  
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