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✓ The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Senate President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki:

In accordance with Section 9, Article VII, of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I respectfully request your expeditious consideration of Senate Bill No. 582, S.D. 1 – Relating to State Budget.

The State will require additional funds to cover immediate expenses in FY 24 for non-congregate housing and expenses for individuals impacted by the wildfires who have been classified as not eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance. These amounts are now expected to exceed the \$199.1 million previously transferred to the Major Disaster Fund. Though the State will seek reimbursement from FEMA for all eligible costs because the State executed the contracts for non-congregate housing and those other expenses, the State is responsible for making payment for these expenses incurred during this fiscal year.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i