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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REIMBURSE HAWAII FOR DEBRIS
REMOVAL, THE DREDGING OF TOXIC MATERIALS, AND OTHER
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP EFFORTS IN LAHAINA HARBOR.

1 WHEREAS, in August 2023, Lahaina, on the island of Maui,
2 experienced the fifth deadliest wildfire in United States
3 history; and

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5 WHEREAS, the wildfire deposited toxic materials, ash, and
6 other contaminants into the waters of Lahaina Harbor; and

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8 WHEREAS, more than two thousand two hundred structures were
9 damaged or destroyed in Lahaina and West Maui, eighty-six
10 percent of which were residences; and

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12 WHEREAS, burned or melted building materials, furniture,
13 plastics, and consumer electronics produce toxic substances that
14 have seeped into Lahaina's groundwater, and seepage and runoff
15 further threaten Lahaina's near shore waters; and

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17 WHEREAS, a sediment analysis has confirmed the presence of
18 toxic chemicals and materials in Lahaina Harbor; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the federal government
23 is urged to reimburse Hawaii for debris removal, the dredging of
24 toxic materials, and other environmental cleanup efforts in
25 Lahaina Harbor; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
3 United States, Administrator of the Environmental Protection
4 Agency, and Mayor of the County of Maui.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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