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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MANOA TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATUS REPORT OR BRIEF THE LEGISLATURE ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING CENTER.

1           WHEREAS, on August 3, 2007, President Bush signed H.R. 1  
2 "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of  
3 2007," which authorized the establishment of the National  
4 Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of  
5 Hawai'i; and

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7           WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center  
8 is a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium,  
9 which is under the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

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11           WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center  
12 will conduct research and develop specific models and tools for  
13 monitoring natural hazards and evaluating risks to urban areas,  
14 while planning for the response, recovery, and reconstruction of  
15 the community in the aftermath of natural disasters; and

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17           WHEREAS, the focus of the National Disaster Preparedness  
18 Training Center is on building community resilience to all  
19 hazards by developing and training urban first responders,  
20 decision makers, policy analysts, and urban planners; and

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22           WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center  
23 will provide training consisting of formal degrees and  
24 certificate programs, as well as specialized courses, workshops,  
25 and conferences; coordinate the sharing of data and information  
26 related to disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and  
27 recovery; and serve as an incubator for new ideas, technologies,  
28 businesses, and partnerships between academia, business, and  
29 government; and

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31           WHEREAS, the National Disaster Preparedness Training  
32 Center's mission will be to develop and deliver disaster  
33 preparedness training to governmental, private, and non-profit



1 entities, incorporating urban planning with an emphasis on  
2 community preparedness and at risk populations; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of  
5 the University of Hawai'i at Manoa will house and manage the  
6 National Disaster Preparedness Training Center; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii's unique geographic  
9 characteristics and vulnerability to natural hazards such as  
10 hurricanes, tsunamis, flooding, volcanic eruptions, and  
11 earthquakes make it particularly important to develop and  
12 provide such training; and

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14 WHEREAS, as a land, sea, and space grant institution and  
15 with national and international recognition for its academic and  
16 research excellence in the fields of urban planning and earth  
17 sciences, the University of Hawai'i at Manoa has the expertise,  
18 as well as the research and training programs, in the field of  
19 disaster management; and

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21 WHEREAS, the benefits to the people of the State of Hawaii,  
22 economic and otherwise, accruing from the establishment of a  
23 large federally-funded center will be significant; now,  
24 therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
28 that the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of the  
29 University of Hawai'i at Manoa is requested to provide a written  
30 status report or provide a briefing to the Legislature on the  
31 proposed National Disaster Preparedness Training Center; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report or briefing include,  
34 but not be limited to, proposed legislation to facilitate  
35 natural disaster preparedness in the State; and



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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Disaster  
38 Preparedness Training Center conduct ongoing consultation with  
39 the State Department of Defense to prepare proposed legislation;  
40 and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
43 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of



1 Hawai'i, State Adjutant General, Department of Urban and Regional  
2 Planning of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; the Governor, and  
3 each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.  
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