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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
PROVIDE FUNDING NEED PROJECTIONS FOR FLOOD MITIGATION AND  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECTS RELATED TO THE ALA  
WAI WATERSHED.

1           WHEREAS, the Ala Wai watershed is located in the City and  
2 County of Honolulu, and is generally described as including the  
3 area located between the Kaimuki crest and Diamond Head to the  
4 east, Tantalus, Papakolea, Punchbowl, and Kakaako to the west,  
5 the Koolau mountain range to the north, and Mamala Bay to the  
6 south; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the area includes the most densely populated  
9 portion of Honolulu's primary urban center, including the  
10 University of Hawaii at Manoa campus, and Waikiki, which is a  
11 primary visitor destination and a critical economic engine in  
12 the State; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the Manoa Stream flood on October 30, 2004, was a  
15 twenty-five-year magnitude event that caused \$100,000,000 in  
16 damage throughout the Ala Wai watershed area and especially to  
17 the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus and facilities; and  
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19           WHEREAS, flooding and landslide events in 2006 and 2007 at  
20 various locations through the Ala Wai watershed area, including  
21 Manoa, Moiliili, Maunalaha, Makiki, Pawaa, and McCully damaged  
22 many residential, commercial, and public properties; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Natural  
25 Resources Conservation Service, Federal Emergency Management  
26 Agency, the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, and  
27 the City and County of Honolulu have initiated various planning  
28 projects to address the flood mitigation and watershed  
29 management needs of the Ala Wai watershed, and these projects  
30 also have the potential to serve as models for other ahupuaa and  
31 watersheds in the State; and  
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33           WHEREAS, during the past ten years, the Legislature has  
34 received requests to provide funding for planning and



1 implementation of various projects in the Ala Wai watershed on  
2 an ad hoc basis, and it would be beneficial to have a more  
3 comprehensive projection of the funding needs for the flood  
4 mitigation and watershed management planning projects currently  
5 ongoing or expected to be initiated for the Ala Wai watershed;  
6 now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
10 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested  
11 to provide funding need projections for flood mitigation and  
12 watershed management planning projects related to the Ala Wai  
13 watershed that are currently ongoing or expected to be initiated  
14 in the near future; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
17 Natural Resources is requested to report its findings and  
18 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
19 prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Project Manager of the United  
23 States Army Corps of Engineers, the Hawaii office of the Natural  
24 Resources Conservation Service, the Hawaii office of the Federal  
25 Emergency Management Agency, the Chairperson of the Board of  
26 Land and Natural Resources, the Director of Environmental  
27 Services of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Director of  
28 Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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