
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND EACH COUNTY TO ASSIST IN
THE RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS OF THOSE IN HAWAII AFFECTED
BY THE MARCH 11, 2011, TSUNAMI.

1 WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 10, 2011, a massive earthquake
2 measuring 8.9 on the Richter Scale with an epicenter near the
3 east coast of Honshu Japan generated a tsunami that wreaked
4 havoc throughout that region; and
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6 WHEREAS, the tsunami generated by that earthquake reached
7 Hawaii's shores in the early hours of the morning on Friday,
8 March 11, 2011; and
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10 WHEREAS, although Hawaii did not sustain the level of
11 damage as that in Japan, damages to Hawaii's coastal areas are
12 estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars; and
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14 WHEREAS, the 300-slip Keehi Lagoon, Hawaii's second largest
15 small boat harbor, appears to have suffered the worst damage in
16 terms of cost at an estimated \$3.08 million; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Alii Drive area on Hawaii island was
19 devastated, with significant damage at the historic Kona Inn
20 facility, impacting approximately 50 businesses; and
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22 WHEREAS, Puuhonua O Honaunau, or the City of Refuge, has
23 been closed in response to a number of sensitive cultural
24 artifacts having been uncovered by the tsunami; and
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26 WHEREAS, other areas of the State, including Haleiwa on
27 Oahu; Honokohau Harbor, Kailua-Kona, and Kealahou on Hawaii
28 Island; Kahului, Kihei, and Spreckelsville on Maui; and Kamalo
29 on Molokai were also damaged in the wake of the tsunami; and



1 WHEREAS, Governor Neil Abercrombie issued a proclamation on
2 March 11, 2011, declaring a state of emergency, and a
3 supplementary proclamation on March 13, 2011, which are the
4 initial steps required to obtain federal disaster relief funds;
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7 WHEREAS, it will continue to take a significant investment
8 of time, effort, and economic resources to repair the damages
9 and recover the losses suffered by the State; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that all state departments and
14 each county are requested to assist in the relief and recovery
15 efforts of those in Hawaii affected by the March 11, 2011,
16 tsunami; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, head of
20 each executive state department, and the Mayors of each county.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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