A BILL FOR AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A STATE COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read 3 as follows: 4 "CHAPTER 5 PREPARED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN COMMISSION -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the 6 7 context otherwise requires: 8 "Commission" means the prepared emergency response plan 9 commission established under section 10 "Mitigation" means any action taken to reduce or eliminate 11 any long-term risk to human life and property loss or damage 12 from natural hazards and any other event warranting major disaster assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief 13 14 and Emergency Assistance Act. "Natural hazard" means any fire, flood, tidal wave, 15 16 volcanic eruption, earthquake, hurricane, landslide, or other 17 naturally occurring cause of property damage or risk to human

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              -2 Prepared emergency response plan commission;
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    establishment. (a)
    response plan commission within the department of defense for
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    administrative purposes. The commission shall consist of a
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    minimum of eleven members and a maximum of seventeen members
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    appointed in the manner prescribed in section 26-34; provided
    that the commission shall have at least one member from:
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              Each of the counties of Hawaii, Honolulu, Kauai, and
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              Maui;
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         (2)
              The real estate industry;
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              The insurance industry;
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              The financial services industry;
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              The house of representatives, to be appointed by the
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              speaker of the house of representatives; and
              The senate, to be appointed by the president of the
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              senate.
    The term of office for each member shall be two years.
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    director of civil defense shall serve as chairperson of the
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    commission.
         (b) Each member of the commission shall have experience
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and an interest in any of the following areas relating to the

mitigation of natural hazards:

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          (1)
               Environmental studies or protection;
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               Risk analysis;
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               Hazard analysis;
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               Public awareness and education;
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               Emergency management;
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               Structural engineering;
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               Seismology;
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               Geology;
               Public works;
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               Public utilities;
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               Insurance;
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               Planning;
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               Flood control;
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               Land utilization;
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               Waste management;
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               Sheltering;
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               Energy;
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               Construction;
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               Communications;
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               Building codes;
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         (21) Architecture; and
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         (22)
               Coastal zone management.
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1	(c)	The members of the commission shall serve without
2	compensat	ion but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
3	incurred	in the performance of their duties.
4	S	-3 Duties of commission. The commission shall:
5	(1)	Develop a unified management strategy with
6		recommendations concerning state, federal, and county
7		mitigation responsibilities and programs;
8	(2)	Identify vulnerabilities to various natural hazards
9		and evaluate and prioritize measures to mitigate the
10		risks associated with those hazards;
11	(3)	Assist state and county governments in obtaining funds
12		to implement mitigation projects;
13	(4)	Develop specific goals on a biennial basis and provide
14		status reports to state departments, county
15		governments, and private organizations represented on
16		the commission;
17	(5)	Recommend policy and program changes to federal,
18		state, and county agencies that are involved in
19		mitigation activities;
20	(6)	Develop a comprehensive public awareness program on
21		the activities of the commission, highlighting
22		successful mitigation projects; and

(7) Provide reports to the governor and the legislature on 1 special mitigation activities addressed or completed 2 by the commission. 3 Meetings. All meetings of the commission shall be 4 conducted in accordance with chapter 92." 5 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 6 7 INTRODUCED BY: Wall ruly B. Lee JAN 2 5 2006

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Report Title:

Prepared Emergency Response Plan Commission; Establishment

Description:

Establishes the Prepared Emergency Response Plan Commission to develop a unified strategy for state, federal, and county mitigation responsibilities and programs and increase preparedness for natural disasters.