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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 127-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "§127-6 Local organization for disaster relief. Each  
4 county shall establish local organizations for disaster relief  
5 in accordance with the state disaster relief plan and program.  
6 Each local organization for disaster relief shall have a deputy  
7 director appointed by the director of disaster relief with the  
8 approval of the council of the county for which the deputy  
9 director is appointed. The deputy director shall have direct  
10 responsibility for the organization and administration of the  
11 local organization for disaster relief, subject to the direction  
12 and control of the council and in accordance with the state  
13 disaster relief program and plan. In the event of a local  
14 disaster, the deputy director shall have direct responsibility  
15 for the operation of the local organization for disaster relief,  
16 subject to the direction and control of the council. In the  
17 event of enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or if  
18 the governor has proclaimed that a state of disaster exists, the



1 deputy director shall be subject to the direction and control of  
2 the director. Each local organization for disaster relief shall  
3 perform disaster relief functions within the territorial limits  
4 of the political subdivision within which it is organized, and,  
5 in addition, shall conduct such functions outside of such  
6 territorial limits as may be required pursuant to this chapter.

7 In carrying out this section, police services personnel,  
8 fire fighting services personnel, and emergency medical services  
9 personnel or any portion or member thereof, including any off-  
10 duty or reserve personnel, shall be called to duty upon orders  
11 of the deputy director and may be dispatched to any area of a  
12 political subdivision deemed necessary by the director for  
13 disaster relief purposes, including traffic control.

14 In carrying out this chapter each political subdivision, in  
15 which the governor has proclaimed a state of disaster to exist,  
16 shall have the power to enter into contracts and incur  
17 obligations necessary to combat the disaster, protecting the  
18 health and safety of persons and property, and providing  
19 emergency assistance to the victims of the disaster. Each  
20 political subdivision may exercise the powers vested under this  
21 section in [~~the~~] light of the exigencies of the extreme  
22 emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures



1 and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to the performance  
2 of public work, entering into contracts, the employment of  
3 temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of  
4 supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of  
5 public funds."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Disaster relief

**Description:**

Authorizes the deputy director of disaster relief for each county to activate all police, fire, and emergency services personnel in times of disaster.

