
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding three new sections to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 "§46-A Supply of potable water. To preserve the
5 continuous availability of potable water to the major population
6 areas of each county, each county shall provide emergency backup
7 generators, or the equivalent, to the county agency responsible
8 for maintaining the county's water supply.

9 §46-B Natural disasters; building design and construction;
10 hospitals. Each county shall incorporate into its building code
11 by July 1, 2008, standards to ensure that all hospitals within
12 the county are able to withstand:

- 13 (1) Category four hurricanes; and
14 (2) Earthquakes of a magnitude up to 8.0 on the Richter
15 scale.

16 The building standards shall apply to all new and renovated
17 hospitals, including state hospitals.



1 §46-C Natural disasters; building design and construction;
2 hurricane shelters. Each county shall incorporate into its
3 building code by July 1, 2008, standards to ensure that all
4 designated hurricane shelters within the county are able to
5 withstand:

- 6 (1) Category four hurricanes; and
7 (2) Earthquakes of a magnitude up to 8.0 on the Richter
8 scale.

9 The building standards shall apply to all new and renovated
10 buildings that are or will be designated as hurricane shelters,
11 including state buildings."

12 SECTION 2. The department of defense shall establish a
13 statewide public emergency notification system.

14 SECTION 3. The department of defense shall establish an
15 emergency communication system that:

- 16 (1) Establishes common communication links for all first
17 responders on each island of the state, with inter-
18 island capability for major disasters; and
19 (2) Provides for the integration of all first responders
20 into a common response plan, including professional
21 and volunteer units.

22 SECTION 4. The department of health shall:



- 1 (1) Establish a volunteer emergency response network,
2 including a community emergency response team;
- 3 (2) Provide emergency medical technician training, or its
4 equivalent, to any resident who requests it; and
- 5 (3) Encourage individuals who are professional first
6 responders to become involved with professional or
7 volunteer groups that deal with emergency
8 preparedness.

9 SECTION 5. The department of health shall establish
10 protocols and conduct regular mandatory inspections to ensure
11 the constant availability of electricity and potable water in
12 hospitals.

13 SECTION 6. The department of defense, in cooperation with
14 the civil defense agency of each county, shall provide training
15 for members of community emergency response teams, including:

- 16 (1) Providing first-aid supplies and equipment for each
17 trained volunteer; and
- 18 (2) Providing emergency tents, toilets, and storage for
19 each county within each county.

20 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for



1 grants-in-aid to finance the provision of emergency backup
 2 generators, or the equivalent, to the county agency responsible
 3 for maintaining the county's water supply, as required by
 4 section 46-A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be distributed in
 5 the following manner:

6	City and County of Honolulu	\$
7	County of Hawaii	\$
8	County of Maui	\$
9	County of Kauai	\$

10 The grants-in-aid to each county shall be made after
 11 each county and the department of defense have agreed upon the
 12 details of the emergency backup generators, or the equivalent.

13 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
 16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 17 2008-2009 for the purposes described in sections 2, 3, and 6 of
 18 this Act.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 20 of defense for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
 22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2008-2009 for the purposes described in sections 4 and 5 of this
4 Act.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
6 of health for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 10. In codifying the new sections added by section
8 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
9 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
10 the new sections in this Act.

11 SECTION 11. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Emergency preparedness

Description:

Increases the emergency preparedness of the state.

