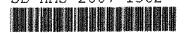
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the October 2006,
- 2 6.7 magnitude earthquake in Hawaii illuminated the strengths, as
- 3 well as the areas needing improvement, in Hawaii's civil defense
- 4 network. Hawaii's diverse ethnic population is an additional
- 5 component that needs to be addressed in the civil defense system
- 6 during disasters and emergency.
- 7 In addition to ensuring statewide dissemination of
- 8 information in a timely manner, it is also imperative that the
- 9 information be provided in a format that is accessible and
- 10 understandable by everyone. A review in the aftermath of the
- 11 October 2006, earthquake and subsequent statewide power outage
- 12 brought forth many recommendations, including recommendation
- 13 number eleven of the final report of the Governor's
- 14 Comprehensive Communications Review Committee which states:
- 15 "Work with the Hawaii consular corps so they can inform foreign
- 16 citizens about the nature of the emergency. KZOO (Japanese) and
- 17 KNDI (all other foreign languages) will broadcast the emergency
- 18 messages to non-English speaking residents and visitors in the SB HMS 2007-1362



- 1 State. KZOO and KNDI will be assisted in their efforts to
- 2 establish backup power generators." This recommendation
- 3 supports the need for infrastructure improvements to further
- 4 support the State's civil defense system in the event of an
- 5 emergency.
- 6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
- 7 Ethnic Education Foundation of Hawaii to assist in disseminating
- 8 information to a broader range of the State's population in the
- 9 event of a disaster or emergency.
- 10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to the
- 13 Ethnic Education Foundation of Hawaii, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- 14 organization, for generators to meet power capacity needs to
- 15 ensure service in emergency situations.
- 16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 17 defense for the purposes of this Act.
- 18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
- 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to the
- 21 Ethnic Education Foundation of Hawaii, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- 22 organization, for other infrastructure improvements and



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- 1 educational programs administered by the Hawaii State civil
- 2 defense to promote awareness of emergency procedures and
- 3 contacts to non-English speaking and English-as-a-second-
- 4 language populations in the state.
- 5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 6 defense for the purposes of this Act.
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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SB HMS 2007-1362

Report Title:

Ethnic Education Foundation of Hawaii; Civil Defense; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Ethnic Education Foundation of Hawaii for emergency and disaster response services and infrastructure improvements.