A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

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 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter: 6 7 "Commission" means the disaster preparedness commission. 8 "Director" means the director of the office of disaster 9 preparedness. 10 "Disaster" means any natural or human-caused catastrophe, the occurrence of which is unanticipated or difficult to 11 12 predict, that results in significant property damage, 13 agricultural loss, hardship, suffering, psychological or 14 physical injury, or loss of life within the state. 15 "Natural hazard" means hurricane, storm, flood, tsunami, 16 tidal wave, wind-driven water, earthquake, volcanic activity, volcanic smog or vog, lava flow, rockslide, earthslide, fire, or **17** 18 other naturally occurring emergency.

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1 "Vog" means the substance created when sulfur dioxide and 2 other volcanic gases combine and interact chemically in the 3 atmosphere with oxygen, moisture, dust, and sunlight over a 4 period of time to form a visible haze. 5 -2 Office of disaster preparedness established. 6 There is established in the department of the office 7 of disaster preparedness. The director of the office of 8 disaster preparedness shall be nominated and with the advice and 9 ' consent of the senate, appointed by the governor. The director 10 shall serve for a period of six years and thereafter until a successor is appointed. The salary of the director shall be set 11 12 at a rate no greater than \$ a year, and shall not be 13 diminished during the director's term of office unless by 14 general law applying to all salaried officers of the State. 15 the director dies, resigns, becomes ineligible to serve, or is

19 S -3 Duties of the director. (a) The director shall
20 develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan for the
21 State. The disaster preparedness plan shall include:

removed or suspended from office, the first assistant to the

director shall become the acting director until a new director

22 (1) The identification of natural hazards;

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is appointed for a full term.

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1	(2)	The	designation	of	natural	hazard	impact	zones;

- 2 (3) Priorities for natural hazard mitigation;
- 3 (4) Policies, requirements, and incentives to mitigate the
 4 consequences of natural hazards, to be incorporated
 5 into rules such as county building codes, land use
 6 policies, and retrofitting incentives such as tax
- 7 credits; and

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- 8 (5) Response plans to disasters that will best minimize
 9 costs and protect residents and visitors to the state,
 10 their interests, possessions, and pets, including
 11 plans to ensure the reliability of communication
 12 networks and power supplies for major state airports,
 13 health care facilities, disaster shelters, and other
- 15 (b) The director shall report annually to the governor and
 16 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
 17 of each regular session on the status of the disaster
 18 preparedness plan and shall include any necessary proposed
 19 legislation.
- 20 § -4 Disaster preparedness commission established;

essential services.

- 21 selection of advisory committees. (a) There is established a
- 22 disaster preparedness commission within the department of

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1		for administrative purposes only. The commission				
2	shall con	sist of seven members who shall be appointed by the				
3	governor	in accordance with section 26-34, except as provided in				
4	this chap	ter, as follows:				
5	(1)	One member selected by the governor;				
6	(2)	One member selected by the speaker of the house of				
7		representatives;				
8	(3)	One member selected by the president of the senate;				
9	(4)	Four members selected by the mayors of the counties				
10		Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and the city and county of				
11		Honolulu, each of whom shall select one member; and				
12	(5)	One member to represent the judiciary, as selected by				
13		the chief justice.				
14	Any vacan	cy occurring in the membership of the commission shall				
15	filled in	the same manner as the original appointment. The				
16	commission shall select one of its members to serve as					
17	chairpers	on. No member of the commission shall receive any				
18	compensat	ion for commission services; provided that members				
19	shall be	allowed necessary expenses, including travel expenses,				
20	incurred	in the performance of their official duties.				

1	(b) The commission shall advise and assist the director in						
2	developing a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan for the						
3	State. The commission's duties in this regard shall include:						
4	(1) Gathering information about past disasters that have						
5	occurred in the state; and						
6	(2) Establishing advisory committees to provide technical						
7	and other support to the director."						
8	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general						
9	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so						
10	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and						
11	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal						
12	year 2012-2013 to establish and operate the office of disaster						
13	preparedness and the disaster preparedness commission, including						
14	hiring necessary staff.						
15	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department						
16	of for the purposes of this Act.						
17	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.						
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	INTRODUCED BY:						

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Report Title:

Disaster Preparedness Plan; Natural Disasters; Natural Hazard

Description:

Establishes the Office of Disaster Preparedness and a Disaster Preparedness Commission to develop a disaster preparedness plan for the State that includes the identification of natural hazards and impact zones, disaster mitigation policies, incentives, and response plans. Appropriates funds.

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