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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is
2 vulnerable to a wide range of natural and man-made hazards which
3 threaten the life, health, and safety of its people; damage and
4 destroy property; disrupt services and everyday business and
5 recreational activities; and impede economic development.

6 Growth in the State's population – especially in the numbers of
7 businesses and persons residing in coastal areas, in the elderly
8 population, in the number of seasonal vacationers, and in the
9 number of persons with special needs – has greatly complicated
10 the State's ability to coordinate its emergency management
11 resources and activities.

12 The legislature also finds that the statutes pertaining to
13 the civil defense system of the State were enacted at a very
14 different time in the history of Hawaii. Chapter 127, Hawaii
15 Revised Statutes, was enacted in 1949, at a time when Hawaii's
16 population was less than half of what it is today. Chapter 128,
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes, is based on the Federal Civil Defense
18 Act of 1950, which was enacted for the purpose of preparing the



1 nation for attack during the cold war era. At the federal
2 level, the civil defense system is obsolete and has been
3 replaced by a federal emergency management system.

4 The purpose of this Act is to create a task force to:

5 (1) Determine whether chapters 127 and 128, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, should be amended, repealed, or added to in
7 order to ensure that preparations of this State are
8 adequate in reducing vulnerability to, and recovering
9 from, emergencies and disasters; and

10 (2) Recommend legislation in one or more areas relating to
11 emergency management and preparedness if it determines
12 that chapters 127 and 128 should be amended, repealed,
13 or supplemented.

14 SECTION 2. (a) There shall be established a task force
15 that shall:

16 (1) Determine whether chapters 127 and 128, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes, should be amended, repealed, or supplemented
18 to ensure that preparations of this State are adequate
19 in reducing vulnerability to, and recovering from,
20 emergencies and disasters; and



(2) Recommend legislation in one or more of the following areas if it determines that chapters 127 and 128 should be amended, repealed, or supplemented by:

(A) Reducing the vulnerability to natural or man-made hazards of the people and property of this State;

(B) Preparing for the efficient evacuation and shelter of persons threatened or affected by natural or man-made hazards;

(C) Providing for the rapid and orderly provision of relief in the event of an emergency or disaster;

(D) Providing for the restoration of services and property in the event of an emergency or disaster; and

(E) Providing for the coordination of activities relating to emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery among and between agencies and officials of this State and agencies and officials of other states, local and federal governments, interstate organizations, and the private sector.

(b) The members of the task force shall be as follows:



- (1) A representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX, U.S. Department of Homeland Security;
- (2) The chair of the senate committee on public safety, government operations, and military affairs, to serve as co-chair;
- (3) The chair of the house committee on public safety and military affairs, to serve as co-chair;
- (4) The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee;
- (5) The director of health, or the director's designee;
- (6) The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, or the chairperson's designee;
- (7) The director of public safety, or the director's designee;
- (8) The director of finance, or the director's designee;
- (9) The director of transportation, or the director's designee;
- (10) A representative of the civil defense division of the department of defense;
- (11) A representative of the Hawaii national guard;
- (12) One member selected by the president of the senate;



1 (13) One member selected by the speaker of the house of
2 representatives;

3 (14) The mayors of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii,
4 and the City and County of Honolulu, or each mayor's
5 respective designee;

6 (15) The police chiefs of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and
7 Hawaii, and the City and County of Honolulu, or each
8 police chief's respective designee; and

9 (16) The fire chiefs of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and
10 Hawaii, and the City and County of Honolulu, or each
11 fire chief's respective designee.

12 (c) The task force shall meet a minimum of five times
13 between July 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012.

14 (d) The task force shall report its findings and
15 recommendations, including proposed legislation, if any, to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2013.


18 (e) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2013.
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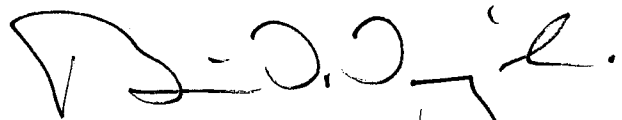
1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Emergency Management; Task Force

Description:

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