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S.B. NO. 184

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that first responders,
2 National Guard members, and military personnel play key roles in
3 responses to man-made or natural disasters. Trained and
4 educated community civilians are also imperative to any
5 emergency management plan. These trained community civilians
6 work with city, state, and federal emergency management staff
7 who are well trained and prepared for all man-made or natural
8 disasters that can occur in the State. With proper training and
9 knowledge provided by county emergency management agencies,
10 civilians can assist communities in preparing for emergency
11 situations and provide first response support.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize and
13 appropriate funds for the state department of defense emergency
14 management agency to provide administrative oversight of twenty-
15 five civilian community teams and to hire a coordinator to
16 establish the teams and ensure that they are properly trained to



1 assist city, state, and federal personnel during man-made or
2 natural disasters.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§127A- Civilian community teams. (a) For the purpose
7 of providing for community assistance in disaster relief as
8 defined in section 127A-2, the director shall assemble one
9 civilian community team of ten unpaid volunteer residents over
10 the age of eighteen for each senatorial district, adjusted
11 pursuant to the most recently adopted final reapportionment
12 plan.

13 (b) Each civilian community team shall meet at least twice
14 each quarter and receive at least \$5,000 per fiscal year for
15 community workshops, informational brochures, signage, and other
16 emergency-related supplies that assist in community readiness
17 for disasters, subject to the approval of the director.

18 (c) The director shall hire a coordinator to help
19 establish, train, and provide administrative oversight of the
20 civilian community teams."



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2016-2017 for the director of the emergency management
6 agency to establish twenty-five civilian community teams and one
7 coordinator position pursuant to this Act.

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

10 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

State Department of Defense; Emergency Management Agency;
Natural or Man-made Disaster; Civilian Community Teams;
Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to the state department of defense emergency management agency to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams and hire a coordinator to help establish, train, and assist the teams.

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