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# 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 the Hawaii emergency  
2 management agency's broadcast of a false alert of an inbound  
3 ballistic missile on January 13, 2018, and the amount of time it  
4 took the State to cancel the false alert is unacceptable.

5           In the aftermath of the false alert, the Hawaii emergency  
6 management agency implemented personnel and procedural changes  
7 and lawmakers promised to take corrective action to ensure that  
8 such a false alert would not occur again.

9           The legislature further finds that it is in the best  
10 interest of the State to demand accountability from emergency  
11 personnel, identify and correct weaknesses in the State's  
12 emergency management system, and take constructive action for  
13 disaster and emergency preparedness. To this point, it is  
14 important for the State to engage the entire community including  
15 businesses, universities and schools, the counties, media, and  
16 other stakeholders, in addition to the department of defense, to



1 improve statewide disaster and emergency preparedness systems  
2 and protocols.

3 The purpose of this Act is to support the State of Hawaii  
4 in its efforts to plan for, respond to, and recover from  
5 disasters and emergencies by establishing a Hawaii disaster  
6 preparedness task force within the national disaster  
7 preparedness training center at the University of Hawaii to  
8 review current disaster management coordination and other  
9 functional components of disaster planning, and to develop  
10 recommendations for a Hawaii disaster preparedness plan.

11 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a Hawaii disaster  
12 preparedness task force within the national disaster  
13 preparedness training center at the University of Hawaii to  
14 review current disaster management coordination and other  
15 functional components of disaster planning.

16 (b) The task force shall consist of:

17 (1) Three members of the house of representatives who  
18 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
19 representatives;

20 (2) Three members of the senate who shall be appointed by  
21 the senate president;



- 1           (3) The director of the Hawaii office of the Federal
- 2                   Emergency Management Agency, or the director's
- 3                   designee;
- 4           (4) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's
- 5                   designee;
- 6           (5) The administrator of the Hawaii emergency management
- 7                   agency, or the administrator's designee;
- 8           (6) The director from the Hawaii fusion center, or the
- 9                   director's designee;
- 10          (7) The chairperson of the public utilities commission or
- 11                   the chairperson's designee;
- 12          (8) The director of the office of planning or the
- 13                   director's designee;
- 14          (9) The executive director of the national disaster
- 15                   preparedness training center at the University of
- 16                   Hawaii or the executive director's designee;
- 17          (10) The president of the University of Hawaii or the
- 18                   president's designee;
- 19          (11) The chairperson of the board of education or the
- 20                   chairperson's designee;



- 1 (12) The chairperson of the Hawaii tourism authority board  
2 of directors or the chairperson's designee;
- 3 (13) The chairperson of the board of directors of the  
4 retail merchants of Hawaii or the chairperson's  
5 designee;
- 6 (14) The president and chief executive officer of the  
7 chamber of commerce Hawaii or the president and chief  
8 executive officer's designee;
- 9 (15) The executive director of the Hawaii association of  
10 broadcasters or the executive director's designee;
- 11 (16) One member from the department of urban and regional  
12 planning at the University of Hawaii who shall be  
13 appointed by the president of the University of  
14 Hawaii;
- 15 (17) Three members each from the county of Hawaii, city and  
16 county of Honolulu, county of Kauai, and county of  
17 Maui, consisting for each county of the departmental  
18 director of the appropriate county planning department  
19 or agency or the director's designee, the departmental  
20 director of the appropriate county emergency



1 management department or agency or the director's  
2 designee, and one member appointed by the mayor;

3 (18) The president of the Hawaii shippers' council or the  
4 president's designee; and

5 (19) The president of the Hawaii maritime council or the  
6 president's designee.

7 (c) The task force shall select one of its members to  
8 serve as the chair of the task force.

9 (d) The members of the task force shall receive  
10 reimbursement for expenses, including travel expenses, that are  
11 necessary for the performance of their duties. No member shall  
12 be made subject to section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
13 solely because of that member's participation as a member of the  
14 task force.

15 (e) The national disaster preparedness training center at  
16 the University of Hawaii shall assist the task force in  
17 performing its duties as required under this Act.

18 (f) The task force shall review, solicit input on, and  
19 develop recommendations for the Hawaii disaster preparedness  
20 plan to ensure its relevance as a guide for future long-term



1 disaster planning. In executing this function, the task force  
2 shall:

- 3 (1) Determine if existing disaster management criteria for  
4 allocating resources and addressing coordination among  
5 federal, state, and county agencies are adequate;
- 6 (2) Determine if existing disaster management facilities  
7 associated with emergency response, public safety  
8 regeneration, and civic restoration are adequate;
- 9 (3) Research the implementation of a structured, systemic,  
10 and timely disaster management outreach program  
11 targeting public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders;
- 12 (4) Identify and list the capabilities and weaknesses of  
13 the State and counties in disaster planning, response,  
14 and recovery;
- 15 (5) Assess disaster planning needs within the State;
- 16 (6) Ensure the installation of mechanisms to prevent and  
17 immediately cancel false alerts;
- 18 (7) Determine the best use of appropriate technologies and  
19 communications systems, including social media, for  
20 the accurate and immediate dissemination of critical  
21 information throughout the State;



- 1 (8) Promote efficiency, accuracy, accountability, and  
2 reliability of emergency management functions;
- 3 (9) Conduct necessary follow-up on the deputy adjutant  
4 general's report and modifications to the State's  
5 missile alert system as a result of the ballistic  
6 missile false alert on January 13, 2018;
- 7 (10) Determine the likely impacts of various disaster  
8 scenarios in the State and estimate the time required  
9 to restore functions within the State if the disaster  
10 were to strike under current conditions;
- 11 (11) Research and record best practices for disaster  
12 planning, response, and recovery from other states and  
13 other national and international sources;
- 14 (12) Determine the effectiveness and feasibility of  
15 statewide disaster and emergency simulation exercises;
- 16 (13) Define acceptable timeframes to restore all statewide  
17 functions after a disaster to fulfill expected  
18 resilient performance;
- 19 (14) Recommend changes in practice, policies, and protocols  
20 that, if implemented during the next fifty years, will



1 allow Hawaii to reach the desired disaster  
2 preparedness, management, and recovery targets; and  
3 (15) Develop criteria and benchmarks to measure compliance  
4 with task force recommendations that have been enacted  
5 into law or adopted as policies by governmental  
6 agencies and to guide budgetary priorities.

7 SECTION 3. The task force, with assistance from the  
8 legislative reference bureau, shall submit a preliminary report  
9 of its findings, program recommendations, and proposed  
10 legislation, if any, to the legislature and to the national  
11 disaster preparedness training center at the University of  
12 Hawaii no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
13 regular session of 2019.

14 SECTION 4. The national disaster preparedness training  
15 center at the University of Hawaii, with assistance from the  
16 legislative reference bureau, shall submit a final report, known  
17 as the Hawaii disaster preparedness plan, to the legislature no  
18 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
19 session of 2020.

20 SECTION 5. The national disaster preparedness training  
21 center at the University of Hawaii, with assistance from the



1 legislative reference bureau, shall update the Hawaii disaster  
2 preparedness plan in 2021 and report to the legislature.

3 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
6 review, recommendations, and community planning to be performed  
7 by the Hawaii disaster preparedness task force pursuant to this  
8 Act.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the national  
10 disaster preparedness training center at the University of  
11 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for  
15 creating the Hawaii disaster preparedness plan.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the national  
17 disaster preparedness training center at the University of  
18 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Plan; Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Task Force

**Description:**

Establishes a task force to make recommendations for the Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Plan. Requires the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii to assist the task force in preparing the Plan. Appropriates funds. (HB2582 HD1)

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