

JAN 19 2018

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's
2 emergency public shelter inventory is primarily composed of
3 department of education facilities. The Hawaii emergency
4 management agency is currently assessing the inventory of
5 emergency public shelters to determine whether these structures
6 can withstand the impact of a hurricane. As a result of this
7 assessment, some of the schools located on Oahu may need to be
8 retrofitted. Furthermore, until the completion of the
9 assessment, the State will continue to use emergency public
10 shelters that are not located in the Federal Emergency
11 Management Agency flood zone or tsunami evacuation zone.

12 The legislature further finds that the existing emergency
13 public shelter inventory lacks sufficient floor space to
14 accommodate the shelter requirements across the State based on
15 the need of ten square feet per person. Due to the limited
16 available space at emergency public shelters, state and county
17 agencies are recommending the retrofitting of residential homes



1 and buildings to enable persons to shelter in place or with
2 family members or friends who live outside of the flood or
3 tsunami evacuation zones and have houses built after 1995.
4 Additionally, state and county agencies are recommending that
5 residents who live in high rise structures verify whether
6 sheltering in place is feasible by using enclosed hallways or
7 emergency stairwells.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
9 Hawaii emergency management agency for a hurricane shelter
10 retrofit program for the retrofitting of emergency public
11 shelters and residential homes and buildings to withstand the
12 impact of a hurricane.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000,000 or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
16 the Hawaii emergency management agency for a hurricane shelter
17 retrofit program for the retrofitting of emergency public
18 shelters and residential homes and buildings.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20 defense for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Shelters; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii emergency management agency for a hurricane shelter retrofit program for the retrofitting of emergency public shelters and residential homes and buildings.

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