
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PLANNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that disaster recovery
2 efforts need to be carried out quickly and efficiently to ensure
3 that damaged infrastructure and interrupted services are
4 restored as soon as possible. Prudent pre-disaster planning, as
5 well as post-disaster responses that seek to make the State less
6 vulnerable regarding future disasters, can expedite responses
7 that anticipate future needs. For example, if a road is
8 destroyed by an ocean wave surge caused by a hurricane, it may
9 be best to build the replacement road further inland, where it
10 is less vulnerable. These types of scenarios should be
11 evaluated before an actual disaster occurs.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
13 State and counties to incorporate predictions of sea level rise
14 and other climate change hazards and mitigation opportunities
15 into applicable plans, strategies, and mapping, in order to
16 increase our State's resiliency and ability to properly respond
17 to natural disasters.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 **"§226- Climate change hazards and mitigation planning;**
5 **required.** The State and each county shall incorporate
6 evaluations, predictions, and recommendations pertaining to
7 climate change hazards and mitigation into their respective
8 multi-hazard mitigation plans. Those plans, at a minimum, shall
9 incorporate findings of the "Hawaii Sea Level Rise Vulnerability
10 and Adaptation Report" prepared by the Hawaii climate change
11 mitigation and adaptation commission."

12 SECTION 3. In devising pre-disaster planning and post-
13 disaster recovery strategies, the State and each county shall
14 develop and establish comprehensive frameworks, state functional
15 plans, county general plans, and community development plans
16 addressing sea level rise adaptation strategies.

17 SECTION 4. Beginning on the effective date of this Act,
18 all floodplain mapping supported by state or county funding
19 shall include information from the Hawaii sea level rise
20 vulnerability and adaptation report that anticipates sea level



1 rise and floodplains in terms of a one hundred year flood, as
2 defined by the United States Geological Survey.

3 SECTION 5. Each county shall participate in the community
4 rating system developed by the national flood insurance program.

5 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Disasters; Planning; Recovery; Climate Change

Description:

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