A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS.

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- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII: 1 Chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended SECTION 1. 2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read 3 as follows: 4 "PART JOINT LEGISLATIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY 5 COMMITTEE 6 §21-Joint legislative emergency response and recovery 7 committee established; purpose. The joint legislative emergency
 - committee established; purpose. The joint legislative emergency response and recovery committee is established. The committee shall conduct informational briefings, ascertain facts, and make recommendations to the legislature concerning matters relating to the emergency response of the State.
- 12 §21- Membership. The joint legislative emergency 13 response and recovery committee shall be composed of the 14 following members:
- 15 (1) Three members of the house of representatives to be
 16 designated by the speaker of the house of
 17 representatives, of whom one member shall be

1		designated by the speaker of the house of
2		representatives to serve as co-chair; provided that
3		one member be a member of the minority, if a minority
4		exists; and
5	(2)	Three members of the senate to be designated by the
6		senate president, of whom one member shall be
7		designated by the senate president to serve as co-
8		chair; provided that one member be a member of the
9		minority, if a minority exists.
10	§21-	Powers and duties. (a) Any member of the joint
11	legislati	ve emergency response and recovery committee may ask
12	any quest	ion of any state officer appearing before the joint
13	legislative emergency response and recovery committee relating	
14	to the officer's respective department, the department's role in	
15	the emergency, and its emergency response.	
16	(b)	Any member of the joint legislative emergency response
17	and recov	ery committee may also submit written inquiries to
18	obtain a	response, including documents and materials pertinent
19	to any federal allocations and the intended or actual uses and	
20	outcomes	of the funding.

1	(c) Any officer questioned in writing shall reply to any	
2	question no later than three business days after receipt of the	
3	request, unless otherwise specified or an extension is granted.	
4	SECTION 2. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
5	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated	
6	and to read as follows:	
7	"§127A- State of emergency; federal relief funds; joint	
8	legislative emergency response and recovery committee. (a)	
9	Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if the	
10	legislature is not in session when:	
11	(1) The governor has called a state of emergency pursuant	
12	to this chapter; and	
13	(2) The United States Congress has passed a financial	
14	relief package providing the State with an amount	
15	greater than \$ due to an emergency,	
16	then the joint legislative emergency response and recovery	
17	committee established pursuant to section 21- may convene.	
18	(b) If the legislature is not in session, the legislature	
19	may convene in a special session in accordance with the state	
20	constitution to act on the recommendations of the joint	
21	legislative emergency response and recovery committee."	

- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

Report Title:

State of Emergency; Joint Legislative Emergency Response and Recovery Committee

Description:

Establishes the joint legislative emergency response and recovery committee. Allows the joint legislative emergency response and recovery committee, under certain circumstances, to convene and make recommendations to the legislature regarding federal funds. Provides the legislature with the opportunity to convene in special session in accordance to the state constitution to act on the recommendations. (SD1)

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