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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY WORKERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 707-700, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "emergency worker" to read  
3 as follows:

4 "Emergency worker" means any:

- 5 (1) Law enforcement officer[7]; including any police  
6 officer[7]; public safety officer[7]; parole or  
7 probation officer[7]; or any other officer of any  
8 county, state, federal, or military agency authorized  
9 to exercise law enforcement or police powers;
- 10 (2) Firefighter, emergency medical services personnel,  
11 emergency medical technician, ambulance crewmember,  
12 Hawaii state on-scene coordinator, or any other  
13 emergency response personnel;
- 14 (3) Member of the Hawaii National Guard on any duty or  
15 service done under or in pursuance of an order or call  
16 of the governor or the President of the United States  
17 or any proper authority;



1 (4) Member of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy,  
2 Marine Corps, or Coast Guard on any duty or service  
3 performed under or in pursuance of an order or call of  
4 the President of the United States or any proper  
5 authority;

6 (5) Member of the National Guard from any other state  
7 ordered into service by any proper authority; [~~or~~]

8 (6) Person engaged in emergency management functions as  
9 authorized by the director of Hawaii emergency  
10 management or the administrator or director of the  
11 county emergency management agency or as otherwise  
12 authorized under chapter 127A[-]; or

13 (7) Telecommunications dispatcher while on-scene or  
14 otherwise working in the field, including any:

15 (A) Hawaii state hospital telephone operator or call  
16 taker, police, fire, or emergency medical  
17 dispatcher, or any person who performs any  
18 combination of these functions;

19 (B) Emergency dispatcher; or

20 (C) Other telecommunications dispatch personnel  
21 member who, while operating a 911 automated



1           terminal, uses multiple robust lifesaving  
 2           procedures and technologies to obtain critical  
 3           information from the caller, analyzes the  
 4           information given and, from specialized mapping  
 5           systems, sends the appropriate and closest  
 6           available emergency unit, and communicates the  
 7           best course of action for the caller to take  
 8           before the arrival of the field first responder.

9           As used in this paragraph, "working in the field"  
 10          means a telecommunications dispatcher that is  
 11          performing official work functions at an approved  
 12          location other than the person's central workplace  
 13          where their official work functions are normally  
 14          performed."

15          SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
 16          matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
 17          begun before its effective date.

18          SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 19          and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20          SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Emergency Workers; Hawaii State On-scene Coordinator;  
Communications Dispatchers; Penal Code; Offenses Against the  
Person

**Description:**

Amends the definition of "emergency worker" in the Penal Code to  
include Hawaii state on-scene coordinators and communications  
dispatchers. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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