
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 127A-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established [~~within the department of~~
4 ~~defense~~] the Hawaii emergency management agency[-], to be
5 administratively attached to the department of defense. The
6 adjutant general shall serve as the director of Hawaii emergency
7 management and, subject to the direction and control of the
8 governor, shall oversee the agency.

9 (b) There shall be an administrator of emergency
10 management who shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the
11 [~~director,~~] governor, and who shall have at least three years of
12 experience leading emergency management efforts at the local,
13 state, or federal level. The appointment shall not be subject
14 to the advice and consent of the senate. The administrator of
15 emergency management shall be the civilian head of and
16 responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency. The
17 administrator of emergency management shall report to the



1 director. The administrator of emergency management shall, in
2 the absence of the director, have all the duties and
3 responsibilities of the director, and shall report directly to
4 the governor. The administrator of emergency management shall
5 not be subject to chapter 76."

6 SECTION 2. The administrator of the Hawaii emergency
7 management agency serving on the effective date of this Act
8 shall remain as administrator until such time as an
9 administrator is appointed by the governor pursuant to section 1
10 of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Department of Defense;
Administrator; Appointment

Description:

Specifies that the Hawaii emergency management agency is an administratively attached agency to, rather than established within, the department of defense. Requires the governor to appoint the administrator of the Hawaii emergency management agency.

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