

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 legislative emergency response and recovery committee may ask
12 any question 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 recovery 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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