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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for over  
2 seventy-five years, the civil air patrol has assisted emergency  
3 management agencies throughout the nation with response and  
4 recovery efforts during and after a disaster. The civil air  
5 patrol is a non-profit organization and an auxiliary of the  
6 United States Air Force and its missions include emergency  
7 services, aerospace education, and cadet programs. Civil air  
8 patrol members are volunteers who serve as pilots, scanners, and  
9 ground crew in fulfilling its mission.

10           The legislature further finds that the civil air patrol  
11 emergency response and recovery activities have included search  
12 and rescue, damage assessments, aerial photography of impacted  
13 areas, alerts and notifications, and transportation of supplies.  
14 Most recently, the civil air patrol conducted aerial  
15 reconnaissance of the State after the severe weather incident in  
16 December of 2021. The photographs were instrumental in  
17 documenting the damage to roadways on the island of Maui and



1 were included in the State's application for a federal disaster  
2 declaration. Similar missions were conducted on the island of  
3 Hawaii during the Kilauea volcanic eruptions, and on the island  
4 of Kauai during the recent flood events. In situations where  
5 the State is threatened by a tsunami, the civil air patrol has  
6 been called upon to alert remote areas not serviced by outdoor  
7 alert system speakers by using speakers mounted to civil air  
8 patrol aircraft.

9 The legislature also finds that the Hawaii wing of the  
10 civil air patrol has conducted these activities through funding  
11 of operational expenses from the State for years. However, that  
12 funding ceased in 2019.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
14 funds to support the operational expenses of the Hawaii wing of  
15 the civil air patrol.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
20 2024-2025 to fund the operational expenses of the Hawaii wing of  
21 the civil air patrol.



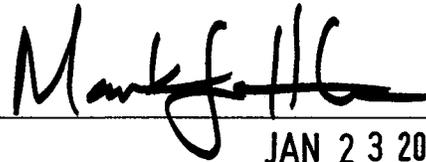
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1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of defense for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Department of Defense;  
Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for operational expenses of the Hawaii Wing  
of the Civil Air Patrol.

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