
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2019, program
2 requirements for the Emergency Managing Performance Grant were
3 updated to require that recipient's emergency operations plan
4 include a distribution management plan. As the primary state
5 agency responsible for emergency management, the Hawaii
6 emergency management agency annually maintains the Hawaii State
7 Distribution Management Plan, with the objective to establish
8 and maintain an emergency distribution network to provide
9 critical supplies to counties. Under the current plan, various
10 forecast advisories and conditions for natural and man-made
11 occurrences are utilized as the primary means for indications
12 and warnings to begin plan implementation. However, noticeably
13 absent from the list of incident types is wildfires. The
14 legislature believes that in the aftermath of the Lahaina
15 wildfire and the overall rise in disasters occurring throughout
16 the State in recent years, consideration should be given to



1 updating this list to include all types of foreseeable disasters
2 that could impact the State.

3 The legislature further finds that the Lahaina wildfire and
4 its devastating impact on the community underscore the critical
5 need for an effective and efficient statewide distribution
6 management plan. While existing frameworks have served their
7 purpose to some extent, the recent Lahaina wildfires have
8 certainly demonstrated a need to shore up gaps in distribution
9 management and assess areas for improvement, such as language
10 access and animal welfare. The effectiveness of the State's
11 disaster relief efforts hinges on a robust, transparent, and
12 accountable distribution management plan that is continuously
13 being reviewed by pertinent stakeholders.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the
15 distribution management advisory board to develop and advise on
16 the statewide distribution management plan.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
19 and to read as follows:

20 "§127A- Distribution management advisory board;
21 established. (a) There is established the distribution



1 management advisory board within the agency for administrative
2 purposes. The advisory board shall be subject to chapter 92.

3 (b) The advisory board shall serve in an advisory capacity
4 to the agency. In this role, the board shall:

5 (1) Develop, review, and propose amendments to the
6 statewide distribution management plan;

7 (2) Advise on resource allocation; and

8 (3) Submit findings and recommendations to the
9 legislature, as applicable, twenty days prior to the
10 convening of the regular session of 2025 immediately
11 following the advisory board's review of the statewide
12 distribution management plan and every four years
13 thereafter.

14 (c) The distribution management advisory board shall
15 consist of nine members to be appointed without regard to
16 section 26-34 as follows:

17 (1) The administrator of the Hawaii emergency management
18 agency, who shall serve as the chairperson;

19 (2) The director of health;

20 (3) One member appointed by the governor;



1 (4) One member representing a nonprofit organization, to
2 be appointed by the president of the senate;

3 (5) One member representing a public business, to be
4 appointed by the speaker of the house of
5 representatives; and

6 (6) The administrator or director of each county emergency
7 management agency for the city and county of Honolulu,
8 and the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.

9 (d) Nongovernmental members appointed to the advisory
10 board pursuant to subsections (c) (2), (3), and (4) shall serve
11 for a term of four years. Members shall serve without
12 compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses, including
13 travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties.

14 (e) The advisory board shall not adopt any decision that
15 would jeopardize the receipt of any form of federal funding or
16 engage in any activity that could jeopardize the receipt of
17 federal aid or assistance."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes the distribution management advisory board to develop and advise on the statewide distribution management plan.

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