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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 more than  
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 to fulfill its mission.

10           The legislature further finds that the civil air patrol  
11 emergency response and recovery activities have included search  
12 and rescue efforts, damage assessments, aerial photography of  
13 impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and the transportation  
14 of supplies. Most recently, the civil air patrol assisted with  
15 the Maui wildfires, providing aerial reconnaissance to help  
16 fight the fires once the high winds made it safe to do so.  
17 Photographs taken as part of the aerial reconnaissance were used



1 to document and provide detailed information for search and  
2 rescue and damage assessment. The civil air patrol also  
3 conducted aerial reconnaissance of the State after the severe  
4 weather incident in December 2021. Those photographs were  
5 instrumental in documenting the damage to roadways on the island  
6 of Maui and were included in the State's application for a  
7 federal disaster declaration. Similar missions were conducted  
8 on the island of Hawaii during the Kilauea volcanic eruptions  
9 and on the island of Kauai during the recent flood events. In  
10 situations where the State has been threatened by a tsunami, the  
11 civil air patrol was called upon to alert remote areas not  
12 serviced by outdoor alert system speakers by using speakers  
13 mounted to civil air patrol aircrafts.

14 The legislature also finds that the Hawaii wing of the  
15 civil air patrol conducted these activities for years with state  
16 funding for operational expenses. However, that funding ceased  
17 in 2019 and was only recently reappropriated in 2023.

18 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
19 funds for civilian auxiliary aviation operations of the type  
20 performed by the civil air patrol.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
 4 civilian auxiliary aviation services, which may include search  
 5 and rescue efforts, damage assessments, aerial photography of  
 6 impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and the transportation  
 7 of supplies.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 9 defense for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
 11 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
 12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
 13 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state  
 14 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
 15 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the  
 16 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
 17 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
 18 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total  
 19 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
 20 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
 21 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by \$



1 or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund  
2 expenditure ceiling are that:

3 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
4 serve the public interest; and

5 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
6 addressed by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2042.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Department of Defense; Civil Air Patrol; Civilian Auxiliary Aviation Services; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for civilian auxiliary aviation services performed by the Civil Air Patrol. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Effective 7/1/2042. (SD2)

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