
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that with the increasing
2 likelihood and severity of natural disasters caused by climate
3 change, the need for emergency preparedness to protect lives and
4 property has become more urgent. The legislature further finds
5 that community resilience hubs could help residents prepare for
6 natural or human-caused disasters.

7 The legislature further finds that this issue is a matter
8 of statewide concern that falls under its purview pursuant to
9 article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution

10 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot
11 program within the university of Hawaii to create community
12 resilience hubs throughout the State.

13 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the university
14 of Hawaii the community resilience hubs pilot program.

15 (b) The community resilience hubs pilot program shall
16 establish five community resilience hubs throughout the State,
17 as follows:



- (1) One community resilience hub shall be located in an urban area of Oahu;
- (2) One community resilience hub shall be located in a rural area of Oahu;
- (3) One community resilience hub shall be located on the island of Hawaii;
- (4) One community resilience hub shall be located on the island of Kauai; and
- (5) One community resilience hub shall be located in Maui county.

(c) No later than twenty days before the convening of the regular session of 2027, the university of Hawaii shall submit to the legislature a report concerning the community resilience pilot program, including any findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
19 the establishment of the community resilience hubs pilot
20 program.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
2 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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H.B. NO. 2457

Report Title:

Emergency Preparedness; Community Resilience Hubs Pilot Program; University of Hawaii; Report; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes the Community Resilience Hubs Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii. Requires a report. Appropriates funds.

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