

JAN 21 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that disaster
2 preparedness is of utmost importance for the safety and well
3 being of state residents. The legislature recognizes that
4 Taiwan has established September 21 as National Disaster
5 Prevention Day, which was initiated after the devastating Jiji
6 earthquake occurred on that day in 1999, in which 2,415 people
7 were killed. For National Disaster Prevention Day, Taiwan
8 engages in drills in an effort to ensure disaster preparedness
9 and to save human lives. The legislature believes that Hawaii
10 should have a similar day.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish the eighth day of
12 August of each year as Hawaii disaster drill day.

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



1 "§127A- Hawaii disaster drill day. (a) The eighth day
2 of August of each year shall be known and designated as Hawaii
3 disaster drill day.

4 (b) On Hawaii disaster drill day, the Hawaii emergency
5 management agency, in coordination with all state departments
6 and agencies, including the university of Hawaii, department of
7 education, and department of land and natural resources, shall:

8 (1) Conduct drills intended to prepare residents, as
9 necessary, for disasters, including hurricanes,
10 tsunamis, wildfires, and volcanic eruptions;

11 (2) Educate the public on safety measures;

12 (3) Encourage residents to prepare for effective emergency
13 responses; and

14 (4) Encourage federal agencies, county agencies, and
15 private businesses to participate in and coordinate
16 with the Hawaii emergency management agency regarding
17 Hawaii disaster drill day.

18 (c) Hawaii disaster drill day is not and shall not be
19 construed to be a state holiday."



1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: *Set*



S.B. NO. 2029

Report Title:

HIEMA; Hawaii Disaster Drill Day; Preparedness; Federal Government; Counties

Description:

Establishes the eighth day of August of each year as "Hawaii Disaster Drill Day". Requires the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with all state departments and agencies, to conduct drills and perform other activities for that day.

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