
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 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot
8 program within the Hawaii emergency management agency to create
9 community resilience hubs throughout the State.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the Hawaii
11 emergency management agency the community resilience hubs pilot
12 program.

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

16 (1) One community resilience hub shall be located in an
17 urban area of Oahu;



1 (2) One community resilience hub shall be located in a
2 rural area of Oahu;

3 (3) One community resilience hub shall be located on the
4 island of Hawaii;

5 (4) One community resilience hub shall be located on the
6 island of Kauai; and

7 (5) One community resilience hub shall be located in Maui
8 county.

9 (c) The Hawaii emergency management agency shall partner
10 with any agency or subject matter groups that are equipped to
11 assist communities with the planning, design, and execution of
12 establishing their own community readiness centers or community
13 resilience hubs.

14 (d) No later than twenty days before the convening of the
15 regular session of 2027, the Hawaii emergency management agency
16 shall submit to the legislature a report concerning the
17 community resilience hubs pilot program, including any findings,
18 recommendations, and proposed legislation.

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for



1 the establishment of the community resilience hubs pilot
2 program.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
4 emergency management agency for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Emergency Preparedness;
Community Resilience Hubs Pilot Program; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Community Resilience Hubs Pilot Program within
the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. Requires a report.
Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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