

ACT 118

S.B. NO. 2054

A Bill for an Act Relating to Civil Defense.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§128- Statewide communications interoperability coordinator; establishment; responsibilities. (a) There is established within the civil defense agency the position of statewide communications interoperability coordinator, which shall be a full-time position exempt from chapters 76 and 89.

(b) The statewide communications interoperability coordinator shall have the following areas of responsibility:

- (1) Outreach, which shall include:
 - (A) Establishing and maintaining a database of subject matter experts and stakeholders across the State;
 - (B) Acting as liaison among the federal government, state agencies and officials, and state and county emergency response communities;
 - (C) Serving as a point of contact within state government for the federal government and industry on statewide interoperable communications; and
 - (D) Attending national interoperability conferences and workshops;
- (2) Statewide communications interoperability plan program management, which includes:
 - (A) Leveraging all components of the statewide governance structure to facilitate the development of a statewide communications interoperability plan; and
 - (B) Coordinating the effort to implement the statewide communications interoperability plan by setting timelines and project plans for making progress on the initiatives;
- (3) Grant management and policy development, which includes:
 - (A) Coordinating with other elements of the civil defense agency to monitor the State’s interoperable communications grant opportunities; and
 - (B) Seeking additional grant funding opportunities for statewide interoperable communications efforts beyond those that are administered through the civil defense agency; and
- (4) Measurement of the statewide communications interoperability plan, which includes:
 - (A) Measuring progress and results, and revising the statewide communications interoperability plan, as needed;

- (B) Conducting and maintaining a statewide communications capabilities assessment; and
- (C) Developing and measuring long-term and annual performance to show progress towards communications interoperability statewide.”

SECTION 2. There is authorized a federal fund ceiling increase of \$110,000 for the civil defense agency to accommodate federal funds received under the homeland security grant program.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the federal funds received under the homeland security grant program the sum of \$110,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 to fund the statewide communications interoperability coordinator position established by this Act.

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

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

(Approved May 18, 2010.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.