
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that threats to Hawaii's
2 natural resources and watersheds, such as invasive species,
3 require a rapid response to mitigate environmental damage and
4 prevent far higher costs that may be needed if the threat is
5 allowed to expand.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish a special
7 operations team authorized to recruit a temporary workforce to
8 respond to environmental emergencies.

9 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a special operations
10 team that shall be responsible for responding to environmental
11 emergencies by recruiting temporary emergency environmental
12 workforce employees through the research corporation of the
13 university of Hawaii. The special operations team shall provide
14 environmental emergency response services including but not
15 limited to eradication of invasive species.

16 The special operations team shall be chaired by the
17 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources and shall
18 include the following members:



- 1 (1) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
- 2 resources, or the chairperson's designee;
- 3 (2) The director of health, or the director's designee;
- 4 (3) The chairperson of the board of agriculture, or the
- 5 chairperson's designee; and
- 6 (4) The mayor of each county, or a mayor's designee.

7 (b) Upon a determination by the special operations team to
 8 respond to an environmental emergency, the research corporation
 9 of the University of Hawaii shall:

- 10 (1) Together with the pacific cooperative studies unit of
- 11 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, conduct interviews
- 12 to select emergency environmental workforce employees
- 13 who are qualified to perform response services; and
- 14 (2) Undertake all necessary activities for emergency
- 15 environmental workforce development and implementation
- 16 to respond to the environmental emergency.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
 20 the recruitment and employment of temporary emergency
 21 environmental workforce employees as determined necessary by the
 22 special operations team.



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, 2012.



Report Title:

Environmental Workforce; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a special operations team that is authorized to assemble temporary emergency environmental workforce employees to respond to environmental emergencies. (Proposed SD1)

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