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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that first responders,
2 National Guard members, and military personnel play key roles in
3 man-made or natural disasters. Trained and educated community
4 civilians are also imperative to any civil defense plan. These
5 trained community civilians work with city, state, and federal
6 civil defense staff who are well trained and prepared for all
7 man-made and natural disasters that can occur in the State.
8 With proper training and knowledge, provided by county civil
9 defense and emergency agencies, community civilians can assist
10 in preparing communities for emergency situations and provide
11 first response support.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize and
13 appropriate funds for the state department of defense civil
14 defense division to provide administrative oversight of twenty-
15 five civilian community teams and to hire a coordinator to
16 establish and ensure the teams are properly trained to assist
17 city, state, and federal personnel during man-made or natural
18 disasters.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§128- Civilian community teams. (a) The director of
5 civil defense shall assemble one civilian community team of ten
6 unpaid volunteer residents over the age of eighteen per state
7 senatorial district, adjusted pursuant to the most recently
8 adopted final reapportionment plan.

9 (b) Each civilian community team shall meet at least twice
10 per quarter and receive at least \$5,000 per fiscal year for
11 community workshops, informational brochures, signage, and other
12 emergency-related supplies that assist in community readiness,
13 subject to the approval of the director of civil defense.

14 (c) The director of civil defense shall hire a coordinator
15 to help establish and provide administrative oversight of and
16 training to the civilian community teams."

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
20 director of civil defense to establish twenty-five civilian
21 community teams and one coordinator position pursuant to this
22 Act.



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

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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S.B. NO. 2305

Report Title:

State Department of Defense; Civil Defense; Natural or Man-Made Disaster; Civilian Community Teams; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to the state department of defense civil defense division to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams and the hiring of a coordinator to help establish, train, and assist the teams.

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