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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that geopolitical  
2 tensions in Asia have risen in the past few years as North Korea  
3 has intensified its nuclear and intercontinental ballistic  
4 missile programs despite opposition from the international  
5 community. In 2017, North Korea fired over twenty missiles in  
6 at least sixteen separate tests. North Korea's missiles have a  
7 projected range that includes Hawaii. In the face of this  
8 growing threat, the legislature believes that the State must  
9 prepare itself for potential attacks and disasters, however  
10 unlikely they may be.

11           The legislature further finds that it is particularly  
12 important for our public schools to develop disaster and  
13 emergency preparedness plans to ensure the safety of the nearly  
14 180,000 students under their care. The legislature notes that  
15 time is of the essence in the event of a nuclear attack or other  
16 disaster, so the issuance of a disaster plan will ensure that  
17 students, staff, and parents know what to do in the case of an



1 emergency. A clear plan will help to prevent chaotic and  
2 dangerous scenarios in which parents rush to schools to pick up  
3 their children, causing traffic buildups and wasting precious  
4 time that could be better used seeking shelter from the  
5 disaster.

6 The legislature further finds that if any disaster, whether  
7 natural or human-made, were to harm Hawaii's cargo shipping  
8 harbors, the State would likely encounter difficulties in  
9 receiving supplies since most of the State's food and other  
10 provisions arrive by ship. Therefore, it is necessary for  
11 public schools to ensure that they have sufficient emergency  
12 goods on hand to last during the initial phase of a disaster.

13 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 14 (1) Require each public school in the State to develop a  
15 disaster and attack preparedness plan by September 1,  
16 2018;
- 17 (2) Require each public school to maintain at least a  
18 48-hour supply of emergency goods in its facilities;  
19 and
- 20 (3) Make an appropriation for the purchase of emergency  
21 goods for public schools.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to subpart C of part IV to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Emergency measures; disaster and attack  
5 preparedness. (a) Beginning September 1, 2018, each public  
6 school shall implement a disaster and attack preparedness plan  
7 in consultation with the state office of homeland security and  
8 the Hawaii emergency management agency. The plan shall include:

- 9 (1) Procedures to protect the health and safety of  
10 students, staff members, and other individuals;
- 11 (2) Procedures for establishing and maintaining  
12 communication with county, state, and federal  
13 emergency response agencies;
- 14 (3) Procedures to ensure adequate resources for staffing  
15 and supplies in the case of a disaster, including:
  - 16 (A) Assigned responsibilities for each staff member;  
17 and
  - 18 (B) Instructions for the evacuation, transport, or  
19 transfer of students, if necessary;
- 20 (4) Orientation and proper instruction for all personnel  
21 employed by the public school; and



1       (5) Shelter-in-place drills for students and staff, to be  
2           held at least twice annually.

3       (b) Each public school shall maintain in its facilities a  
4       supply of emergency goods sufficient to last at least forty-  
5       eight hours following an attack or disaster.

6       (c) As used in this section:

7       "Attack" has the same meaning as in section 128A-2.

8       "Disaster" has the same meaning as in section 127A-2.

9       "Emergency goods" means water, food, medical supplies, and  
10       other items the department deems necessary for the health and  
11       welfare of students and employees."

12       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$        or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
15 purchase of a forty-eight hour supply of emergency goods for  
16 each school facility.

17       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
18 education.

19       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Requires each public school to develop a disaster and attack preparedness plan by 9/1/2018 that includes shelter-in-place drills. Requires each school to maintain emergency goods sufficient for at least 48 hours in its facilities. Appropriates funds for emergency goods.

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