
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 the Hawaii emergency
2 management agency's broadcast of a false alert of an inbound
3 ballistic missile on January 13, 2018, and the amount of time it
4 took the State to cancel the false alert is unacceptable.

5 In the aftermath of the false alert, the Hawaii emergency
6 management agency implemented personnel and procedural changes
7 and lawmakers promised to take corrective action to ensure that
8 such a false alert would not occur again.

9 The legislature further finds that it is in the best
10 interest of the State to demand accountability from emergency
11 personnel, identify and correct weaknesses in the State's
12 emergency management system, and take constructive action for
13 disaster and emergency preparedness. To this point, it is
14 important for the State to engage the entire community including
15 businesses, universities and schools, the counties, media, and
16 other stakeholders, in addition to the department of defense, to



1 improve statewide disaster and emergency preparedness systems
2 and protocols.

3 The purpose of this Act is to support the State of Hawaii
4 in its efforts to plan for, respond to, and recover from
5 disasters and emergencies by:

6 (1) Establishing a Hawaii disaster preparedness task force
7 to review current disaster management coordination and
8 other functional components of disaster planning, and
9 to develop recommendations on creating a Hawaii
10 disaster preparedness plan; and

11 (2) Requiring the national disaster preparedness training
12 center at the University of Hawaii to prepare the
13 Hawaii disaster preparedness plan, incorporating
14 recommendations of the Hawaii disaster preparedness
15 task force, to design and implement state goals,
16 objectives, policies, protocols, and priority
17 guidelines.

18 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a Hawaii disaster
19 preparedness task force within the national disaster
20 preparedness training center at the University of Hawaii to



1 review current disaster management coordination and other
2 functional components of disaster planning.

3 (b) The task force shall consist of:

4 (1) Three members of the house of representatives who
5 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
6 representatives;

7 (2) Three members of the senate who shall be appointed by
8 the senate president;

9 (3) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's
10 designee;

11 (4) The chairperson of the public utilities commission or
12 the chairperson's designee;

13 (5) The director of the office of planning or the
14 director's designee;

15 (6) The executive director of the national disaster
16 preparedness training center at the University of
17 Hawaii or the executive director's designee;

18 (7) The president of the University of Hawaii or the
19 president's designee;

20 (8) The chairperson of the board of education or the
21 chairperson's designee;



- 1 (9) The chairperson of the Hawaii tourism authority board
2 of directors or the chairperson's designee;
- 3 (10) The chairperson of the board of directors of the
4 retail merchants of Hawaii or the chairperson's
5 designee;
- 6 (11) The president and chief executive officer of the
7 chamber of commerce Hawaii or the president and chief
8 executive officer's designee;
- 9 (12) The executive director of the Hawaii association of
10 broadcasters or the executive director's designee;
- 11 (13) One member from the department of urban and regional
12 planning at the University of Hawaii who shall be
13 appointed by the president of the University of
14 Hawaii;
- 15 (14) Three members each from the county of Hawaii, city and
16 county of Honolulu, county of Kauai, and county of
17 Maui, consisting for each county of the departmental
18 director of the appropriate county planning department
19 or agency or the director's designee, the departmental
20 director of the appropriate county emergency



1 management department or agency or the director's
2 designee, and one member appointed by the mayor; and
3 (15) The director of the legislative reference bureau or
4 the director's designee.

5 (c) The task force shall select one of its members to
6 serve as the chair of the task force.

7 (d) The members of the task force shall receive
8 reimbursement for expenses, including travel expenses, that are
9 necessary for the performance of their duties. No member shall
10 be made subject to section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
11 solely because of that member's participation as a member of the
12 task force. The task force shall be exempt from chapter 92,
13 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14 (e) The national disaster preparedness training center at
15 the University of Hawaii shall assist the task force in
16 performing its duties as required under this Act.

17 (f) The task force shall review, solicit input on, and
18 develop recommendations for the creation of the Hawaii disaster
19 preparedness plan to ensure its relevance as a guide for future
20 long-term disaster planning. In executing this function, the
21 task force shall:



- 1 (1) Determine if existing disaster management criteria for
2 allocating resources and addressing coordination among
3 federal, state, and county agencies are adequate;
- 4 (2) Determine if existing disaster management facilities
5 associated with emergency response, public safety
6 regeneration, and civic restoration are adequate;
- 7 (3) Research the implementation of a structured, systemic,
8 and timely disaster management outreach program
9 targeting public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders;
- 10 (4) Identify and list the capabilities and weaknesses of
11 the State and counties in disaster planning, response,
12 and recovery;
- 13 (5) Assess disaster planning needs within the State;
- 14 (6) Install mechanisms to prevent and immediately cancel
15 false alerts;
- 16 (7) Determine the best use of appropriate technologies and
17 communications systems, including social media, for
18 the accurate and immediate dissemination of critical
19 information throughout the State;
- 20 (8) Promote efficiency, accuracy, accountability, and
21 reliability of emergency management functions;



- 1 (9) Conduct necessary follow-up on the deputy adjutant
2 general's report and modifications to the state's
3 missile alert system as a result of the ballistic
4 missile false alert on January 13, 2018;
- 5 (10) Determine the likely impacts of various disaster
6 scenarios in the State and estimate the time required
7 to restore functions within the State if the disaster
8 were to strike under current conditions;
- 9 (11) Research and record best practices for disaster
10 planning, response, and recovery from other states and
11 other national and international sources;
- 12 (12) Determine the effectiveness and feasibility of
13 statewide disaster and emergency simulation exercises;
- 14 (13) Define acceptable timeframes to restore all statewide
15 functions after a disaster to fulfill expected
16 resilient performance;
- 17 (14) Recommend changes in practice, policies, and protocols
18 that, if implemented during the next fifty years, will
19 allow Hawaii to reach the desired disaster
20 preparedness, management, and recovery targets; and



1 (15) Develop criteria and benchmarks to measure compliance
2 with task force recommendations that have been enacted
3 into law or adopted as policies by governmental
4 agencies and to guide budgetary priorities.

5 SECTION 3. The task force shall submit a report of its
6 findings, program recommendations, and proposed legislation, if
7 any, to the legislature and to the national disaster
8 preparedness training center at the University of Hawaii no
9 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
10 session of 2019.

11 SECTION 4. Upon receipt of the task force's report, the
12 national disaster preparedness training center at the University
13 of Hawaii shall prepare the Hawaii disaster preparedness plan,
14 which shall define and implement state goals, objectives,
15 policies, protocols, and priority guidelines in the State's
16 efforts to plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters and
17 emergencies.

18 The national disaster preparedness training center at the
19 University of Hawaii, in preparing the plan, shall seek input
20 from all state agencies, solicit public views and concerns, and
21 incorporate recommendations reported by the Hawaii disaster



1 preparedness task force. The plan shall serve as a guideline
2 for funding and implementation by state and county agencies.
3 The legislative reference bureau shall assist the national
4 disaster preparedness training center at the University of
5 Hawaii in finalizing the plan.

6 SECTION 5. The national disaster preparedness training
7 center at the University of Hawaii shall submit the Hawaii
8 disaster preparedness plan to the legislature no later than
9 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
10 2020.

11 SECTION 6. The national disaster preparedness training
12 center at the University of Hawaii, with cooperation from the
13 legislative reference bureau, shall update the Hawaii disaster
14 preparedness plan in 2021 and report to the legislature.

15 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
18 review, recommendations, and community planning to be performed
19 by the Hawaii disaster preparedness task force pursuant to this
20 Act.



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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the national
 2 disaster preparedness training center at the University of
 3 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
 5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for
 7 creating the Hawaii disaster preparedness plan.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the national
 9 disaster preparedness training center at the University of
 10 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Plan; Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Task Force

Description:

Establishes a task force to make recommendations for the Hawaii Disaster Preparedness Plan. Requires the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii to prepare the plan. Appropriates funds.

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