
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Disaster recovery is a complex and long-term
2 process that involves a range of activities and many
3 participants. Recovery operations begin shortly after a
4 disaster occurs and can continue for many years. It involves
5 short-term restoration of essential community functions and
6 long-term recovery planning and coordination.

7 State, public, and private organizations share in providing
8 for the public's health and safety. It is essential that the
9 response, recovery, and mitigation activities of all parties be
10 fully aligned.

11 The purpose of this Act is to enhance the capacity of the
12 government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from
13 the impacts of disasters by establishing the state disaster
14 recovery program as overseen by the state disaster recovery
15 coordinator. The state disaster recovery coordinator position
16 herein described was funded through the governor's executive
17 budget in fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding new sections to be appropriately designated
3 and to be read as follows:

4 "§127A- State disaster recovery coordinator; general
5 functions, duties, and powers. (a) The state disaster recovery
6 coordinator shall report to the governor, oversee the state
7 disaster recovery program and framework, and shall:

- 8 (1) Establish and maintain recovery priorities and
9 strategy on behalf of the governor;
- 10 (2) Convene and provide executive level coordination for
11 state agencies working on the federal disaster
12 recovery and reconstruction programs and alignment of
13 funding;
- 14 (3) Facilitate disaster recovery coordination and
15 collaboration between the federal, state, and local
16 governments, the private sector, and voluntary, faith-
17 based, and community organizations;
- 18 (4) Serve as the primary contact with the federal disaster
19 recovery coordinator to address recovery needs;
- 20 (5) Promote a unified communications strategy with state
21 and local partners; and
- 22 (6) Develop and promulgate interagency coordination plans
23 to drive long-term recovery from disasters.

1 (b) The state disaster recovery coordinator shall conduct
2 a comprehensive review of recovery plans, policies, and
3 decisions as required by this section and submit a report to the
4 governor and the legislature prior to the convening of the
5 regular session of 2022 and every odd year thereafter. Each
6 stakeholder agency involved is responsible to keep applicable
7 portions of recovery plans, together with annexes and appendices
8 thereto, accurate and up to date."

9 SECTION 3. Section 127A-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (e), to read as follows:

11 "(e) The agency shall perform emergency management
12 functions within the territorial limits of the State. In
13 performing its duties, the agency shall:

14 (1) Prepare a state comprehensive emergency management
15 plan, which shall include a state disaster recovery
16 program and framework and be integrated into and
17 coordinated with the emergency management plans of the
18 federal government. The plan shall be integrated by a
19 continuous, integrated comprehensive emergency
20 management program. The plan shall contain provisions
21 to ensure that the State is prepared for emergencies
22 and minor, major, and catastrophic disasters. In
23 preparing and maintaining the plan, the agency shall

- 1 work closely with agencies and organizations with
2 emergency management responsibilities;
- 3 (2) Assign lead and support responsibilities to state
4 agencies and personnel for emergency functions and
5 other support activities;
- 6 (3) Adopt standards and requirements for county emergency
7 management plans. The standards and requirements
8 shall ensure that county plans are coordinated and
9 consistent with the state comprehensive emergency
10 management plan;
- 11 (4) Make recommendations to the legislature, building code
12 organizations, and counties for zoning, building, and
13 other land use controls; and other preparedness,
14 prevention, and mitigation measures designed to
15 eliminate emergencies or reduce their impact;
- 16 (5) Anticipate trends and promote innovations that will
17 enhance the emergency management system;
- 18 (6) Institute statewide public awareness programs. This
19 shall include intensive public educational campaigns
20 on emergency preparedness issues, including but not
21 limited to the personal responsibility of individual
22 citizens to be self-sufficient for up to fourteen days
23 following a natural or human-caused disaster;

- 1 (7) Coordinate federal, state, and local emergency
2 management activities and take all other steps,
3 including the partial or full mobilization of
4 emergency management forces and organizations in
5 advance of an actual emergency, to ensure the
6 availability of adequately trained and equipped forces
7 of emergency management personnel before, during, and
8 after emergencies and disasters;
- 9 (8) Implement training programs to improve the ability of
10 state and local emergency management personnel to
11 prepare and implement emergency management plans and
12 programs. This shall include a continuous training
13 program for agencies and individuals that will be
14 called on to perform key roles in state and local
15 post-disaster response and recovery efforts and for
16 local government personnel on federal and state post-
17 disaster response and recovery strategies and
18 procedures;
- 19 (9) Adopt standards and requirements for state agency
20 emergency operating procedures and periodically review
21 emergency operating procedures of state agencies and
22 recommend revisions as needed to ensure consistency
23 with the state comprehensive emergency management plan
24 and program; and

1 (10) Coordinate, in advance whenever possible, such
2 executive orders, proclamations, and rules for
3 issuance by the governor as are necessary or
4 appropriate for coping with emergencies and
5 disasters."

6 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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BY REQUEST

JAN 25 2021

Report Title:

COVID-19 Statewide Recovery Planning and Coordination; State Disaster Recovery Program and Framework; State Disaster Recovery Coordinator; Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Office of the Governor

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii State Disaster Recovery Program and Framework and describes the role of the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Defense

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM.

PURPOSE: To enhance the capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters. Establishes the State Disaster Recovery Program and Framework and describes the role of the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator (SDRC). This legislation formally includes a State Disaster Recovery Framework (SDRF) in section 127A-3(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

MEANS: Add one new section to chapter 127A and amend section 127A-3(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: Establishing the State Disaster Recovery Program and Framework and describing the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator will enhance the capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters. This bill will facilitate the identification, coordination, and delivery of recovery assistance needed to augment statewide recovery resources and efforts.

The State Disaster Recovery Framework, as led and implemented by the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator, provides the structure and builds long-term capacity for delivery of recovery programs and actions.

The bill clarifies that the SDRC will maintain priorities on behalf of and report to the Governor on disaster recovery operations, and recommend policies, programs, and plans to the

Governor. This bill formally establishes a state framework that is modeled after the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF).

Impact on the public: Improves short-term restoration of essential community functions and long-term disaster recovery planning and coordination.

Impact on the department and other agencies: State, public, and private organizations share in providing for the public's health and safety. It is essential that the response, recovery, and mitigation activities of all parties be fully aligned and effectively coordinated.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUND: None.

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DESIGNATION: DEF 110 AD.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Office of the Governor, FEMA,
Department of Budget and Finance,
State Office of Planning, Office of
Homeland Security, State Departments
and Agencies for each of the Recovery
Support Functions

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.