
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that disaster recovery is
2 a complex and long-term process that involves a range of
3 activities and many participants. Recovery begins shortly after
4 the disaster occurs and can continue for many years. It
5 involves short-term restoration of essential community functions
6 and long-term resilient rebuilding. It also incorporates hazard
7 mitigation as restoration and rebuilding take place.

8 State, public, and private organizations share in providing
9 for the public's health and safety. It is essential that the
10 response, recovery, and mitigation activities of all parties be
11 fully aligned. The purpose of this Act is to enhance the
12 capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community
13 to recover from the impacts of disasters and build resilience
14 and sustainability by establishing the long-term recovery
15 authority to work with the state disaster recovery coordinator,
16 whose position was funded through the governor's executive
17 budget in 2019.



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

4 "§127A- Long-term recovery authority; general functions,
5 duties, and powers. (a) There is established the long-term
6 recovery authority under the Hawaii emergency management agency,
7 whose purpose shall be to:

8 (1) Recommend policy decisions and set strategic direction
9 for resilient recovery planning;

10 (2) Develop legislative recommendations to further
11 recovery goals;

12 (3) Approve administrative decisions of the state disaster
13 recovery coordinator; and

14 (4) Facilitate the identification, coordination, and
15 delivery of recovery assistance to supplement
16 resources and efforts by local governments and
17 citizens.

18 (b) The long-term recovery authority shall be flexible in
19 size and composition to meet the requirements of the situation
20 and integrate personnel from all relevant entities.



1 (c) The long-term recovery authority shall be convened by
2 the state disaster recovery coordinator.

3 (d) The long-term recovery authority shall include the
4 following members:

5 (1) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's
6 designee;

7 (2) The administrator of the Hawaii emergency management
8 agency or the administrator's designee;

9 (3) The state coordinating officer for active disasters or
10 the coordinator's designee;

11 (4) The director of finance or the director's designee;

12 (5) The county mayors or their designees; and

13 (6) The directors of state departments or agencies that
14 have been designated as primary recovery support
15 function agencies or the directors' designees.

16 (e) In addition to the members listed in subsection (d),
17 the state disaster recovery coordinator may designate
18 participation or input from members of the public, experts in
19 the field, other government officials, and others as necessary.

20 (f) At the discretion of the state disaster recovery
21 coordinator, non-state government entity members of the long-



1 term recovery authority may be reimbursed for their actual and
2 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in
3 carrying out their duties.

4 (g) The long-term recovery authority shall not be subject
5 to the requirements of part I of chapter 92.

6 §127A- State disaster recovery coordinator; general
7 functions, duties, and powers. The state disaster recovery
8 coordinator shall report to the governor and support and convene
9 the long-term recovery authority, and shall:

- 10 (1) Establish and maintain recovery priorities and
11 strategies on behalf of the governor;
- 12 (2) Convene and provide executive level coordination for
13 local, state, and federal agencies working on disaster
14 recovery programs and budgets;
- 15 (3) Facilitate disaster recovery collaboration between the
16 local, state, and federal governments, the private
17 sector, and voluntary, faith-based, and community
18 organizations;
- 19 (4) Serve as a state point of contact with federal
20 agencies with the supervising federal recovery
21 officer;



- 1 (5) Develop a budget and operating procedures to fulfill
- 2 duties and administer the long-term recovery
- 3 authority; and
- 4 (6) Review recovery plans, policies, and decisions as
- 5 required by this section and submit a report to the
- 6 governor, legislature, and counties no later than
- 7 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
- 8 session of 2021 and every year thereafter."

9 SECTION 3. Section 127A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
11 and to read as follows:

12 "Recovery support functions" means the six key functional
13 areas of assistance in a coordinated framework for disaster
14 recovery as established by the National Disaster Recovery
15 Framework Guide implemented by the Federal Emergency Management
16 Agency. "Recovery support functions" includes recovery
17 assistance for community planning and capacity building, the
18 economy, health and social services, housing, infrastructure,
19 and natural and cultural resources."

20 SECTION 4. The office of the governor shall establish two
21 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions, without regard to



1 chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to support the
2 state disaster recovery coordinator and the long-term recovery
3 authority to carry out the purposes of this Act. The positions
4 shall include two planners..

5 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$550,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
8 Hawaii emergency management agency to support the governor's
9 state disaster recovery coordinator as an operating budget for
10 the purpose of this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
12 governor for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Emergency Management; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a Long-term Recovery Authority to work with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator in enhancing the capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from the impacts of disasters and build resilience and sustainability in the State. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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