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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 127A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:  
3           1. By amending the definition of "disaster" to read:  
4           ""Disaster" means [~~any emergency,~~] the occurrence or  
5 imminent threat [~~thereof, which results or may likely result in]~~  
6 of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life,  
7 property, or environment resulting from any sudden natural or  
8 artificial cause, including hurricanes, windstorms, floods,  
9 extreme rain events, earthquakes, landslides, mudslides,  
10 volcanic action, tsunamis, fires, explosions, air or water  
11 contamination, blight, droughts, infestations, riots, sabotage,  
12 hostile military or paramilitary action, disruption of state  
13 services, hazardous material accidents, disease or contagion  
14 outbreaks, bioterrorism, terrorism, or incidents involving  
15 weapons of mass destruction and requires, or may require,  
16 assistance from other counties, states, the federal government,  
17 or from private agencies."



1           2. By amending the definition of "emergency" to read:  
2            "Emergency" means [~~any~~] the occurrence, or imminent threat  
3 thereof, [which results or may likely result in substantial  
4 injury or] of a disaster that causes or may be likely to cause  
5 catastrophic harm and immediate danger to the population [or],  
6 substantial damage to or loss of property, or substantial damage  
7 to or loss of the environment[~~r~~] and that timely action can  
8 avert or minimize."

9           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2042.



**Report Title:**

Emergency Management; Disasters; Emergencies; Definitions

**Description:**

Clarifies the types of events that constitute disasters and emergencies for the purposes of emergency management. Takes effect 7/1/2042. (SD1)

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