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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 by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Federally declared disaster" has the same meaning as  
5 defined in title 26 United States Code section 165."

6 SECTION 2. Section 127A-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

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

11 (1) Prepare a state comprehensive emergency management  
12 plan, which shall be integrated into and coordinated  
13 with the emergency management plans of the federal  
14 government. The plan shall be integrated by a  
15 continuous, integrated comprehensive emergency  
16 management program. The plan shall contain provisions  
17 to ensure that the State is prepared for emergencies



- 1           and minor, major, and catastrophic disasters. In  
2           preparing and maintaining the plan, the agency shall  
3           work closely with agencies and organizations with  
4           emergency management responsibilities;
- 5           (2) Assign lead and support responsibilities to state  
6           agencies and personnel for emergency management  
7           functions, and other support activities;
- 8           (3) Adopt standards and requirements for county emergency  
9           management plans. The standards and requirements  
10          shall ensure that county plans are coordinated and  
11          consistent with the state comprehensive emergency  
12          management plan;
- 13          (4) Make recommendations to the legislature, building code  
14          organizations, and counties for zoning, building, and  
15          other land use controls; and other preparedness,  
16          prevention, and mitigation measures designed to  
17          eliminate emergencies or reduce their impact;
- 18          (5) Anticipate trends and promote innovations that will  
19          enhance the emergency management system;
- 20          (6) Institute statewide public awareness programs. This  
21          shall include intensive public educational campaigns



1 on emergency preparedness issues, including but not  
2 limited to the personal responsibility of individual  
3 citizens to be self-sufficient for up to fourteen days  
4 following a natural or human-caused disaster;

5 (7) Coordinate federal, state, and local emergency  
6 management activities; lead the State's emergency  
7 management activities in a federally declared  
8 disaster; and take all other steps, including the  
9 partial or full mobilization of emergency management  
10 forces and organizations in advance of an actual  
11 emergency, to ensure the availability of adequately  
12 trained and equipped forces of emergency management  
13 personnel before, during, and after emergencies and  
14 disasters;

15 (8) Implement training programs to improve the ability of  
16 state and local emergency management personnel to  
17 prepare and implement emergency management plans and  
18 programs. This shall include a continuous training  
19 program for agencies and individuals that will be  
20 called on to perform key roles in state and local  
21 post-disaster response and recovery efforts and for




- 1 local government personnel on federal and state
- 2 post-disaster response and recovery strategies and
- 3 procedures;
- 4 (9) Adopt standards and requirements for state agency
- 5 emergency operating procedures and periodically review
- 6 emergency operating procedures of state agencies and
- 7 recommend revisions as needed to ensure consistency
- 8 with the state comprehensive emergency management plan
- 9 and program; and
- 10 (10) Coordinate, in advance whenever possible, such
- 11 executive orders, proclamations, and rules for
- 12 issuance by the governor as are necessary or
- 13 appropriate for coping with emergencies and
- 14 disasters."

15 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:




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# S.B. NO. 2909

**Report Title:**

HIEMA; Federally Declared Disaster; Emergency Management

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to lead the State's emergency management activities in a federally declared disaster.

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