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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that public buildings are  
2 likely structures to be designated as emergency shelters in the  
3 event of a major disaster. However, the legislature also finds  
4 that newly constructed facilities may not necessarily meet the  
5 design criteria standards that were recently developed by the  
6 state department of defense pursuant to Act 5, Special Session  
7 Laws of Hawaii 2005.

8           The purpose of this Act is to ensure that new facilities  
9 meet design standards for public emergency shelters and provide  
10 adequate emergency shelter facilities for the future needs of  
11 Hawaii's growing population.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
14 and to read as follows:

15           "§103-    Building design to consider emergency  
16 preparedness.   (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the  
17 contrary, all plans and specifications for the construction of  
18 any building using state funds that is contemplated for use as a



1 public emergency shelter shall be prepared to conform to the  
 2 design standards for public shelters established by the  
 3 department of defense pursuant to Act 5, Special Session Laws of  
 4 Hawaii 2005.

5 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no  
 6 construction of new buildings using state moneys as provided in  
 7 this subsection shall commence until the standards are adopted  
 8 and published by the department of defense.

9 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
 10 91 for the purposes of this Act."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Civil Defense; Emergency Shelters; State Funded Buildings

**Description:**

Requires new public school buildings and residential developments built with state funds to conform to design standards for disaster shelters established by the department of defense. New construction of state funded buildings is prohibited until standards are adopted and published.

