

JAN 23 2006

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMEOWNER LOSS MITIGATION PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that residents of Haleiwa
2 and Waialua on Oahu are threatened by upper watershed intense
3 rains, uncontrolled runoff, and dilapidated water management
4 structures, including the Lake Wilson dam. A flood warning
5 system helped to alert residents to evacuate in the heavy rains
6 of October 2005, but their homes are still at risk.

7 During 2005, North Shore residents, businesses, government
8 agencies, and elected officials convened community symposiums to
9 address the problem of property damage caused by major disaster.
10 The collaboration of interested parties found that Haleiwa and
11 Waialua communities require immediate, targeted assistance to
12 protect their homes from imminent torrential rains, surface
13 flooding, and high winds that threaten outdated structures.

14 The purpose of this Act is to create an Oahu north shore
15 homeowner loss mitigation program and to make an appropriation
16 therefor.

17 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the Oahu north shore
18 homeowner loss mitigation program to compensate homeowners



1 residing in the communities of Haleiwa and Waialua districts for
2 the costs of modifying their residences to resist hurricane and
3 flood damage as provided in subsection (e). The program shall
4 be administered by the state civil defense division, which shall
5 provide procedures and application forms and make the homeowner
6 compensation.

7 (b) The amount of compensation under subsection (a) shall
8 be not more than \$, per homeowner, to be matched
9 dollar for dollar by the homeowner; provided that no homeowner
10 shall receive compensation under this section more than once per
11 residence.

12 (c) Unexpended or unencumbered appropriations to the Oahu
13 north shore homeowner loss mitigation program shall not lapse
14 into the general fund at the end of the fiscal year in which the
15 appropriation is made, but shall lapse on June 30, 2009.

16 (d) No later than forty-five days following the close of
17 fiscal years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009, the state
18 civil defense division shall report to the governor and the
19 legislature on the expenditures from the fund, the names and
20 addresses of the recipients of compensation, the nature of the
21 improvements made to each home, and the balance of the



1 unencumbered and unexpended moneys in the appropriation at the
2 end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation was made.

3 (e) The following home improvements shall qualify for
4 compensation under this Act:

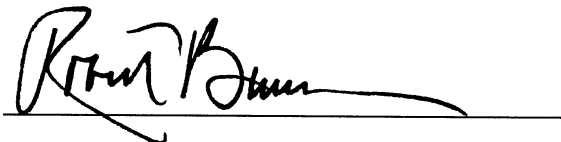
- 5 (1) Elevation of house foundations;
- 6 (2) Construction of first-floor breakaways;
- 7 (3) Installation of rooftop escapes, hurricane straps, and
8 alternate waste water systems; and
- 9 (4) Other structural improvements necessary to mitigate
10 flood and wind damage, as recommended by the state
11 civil defense division.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____, or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
15 the Oahu north shore homeowner loss mitigation program.

16 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
17 state department of defense for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006 and
19 shall be repealed on June 30, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

Report Title:

Natural Disaster; Homeowner Loss; Appropriation

Description:

Creates the temporary Oahu North Shore loss mitigation grant program for homeowners to upgrade homes to protect them from natural disasters. Makes appropriation.

