
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that our pets enrich our
2 lives in more ways than we can count. In turn, they depend on
3 us for their safety and well-being.

4 The legislature is also aware that in the event of a
5 disaster or emergency, most emergency shelters will not accept
6 pets due to public health reasons. Red Cross disaster shelters,
7 for example, will not accept pets because of state health and
8 safety regulations and other considerations.

9 Because it may be difficult, if not impossible, to find
10 shelter for pets in the midst of a disaster, it is necessary to
11 plan ahead before disaster strikes.

12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate a grant-in-aid to
13 the city and county of Honolulu to develop a plan for providing
14 pets with emergency shelter during disasters and large-scale
15 emergencies. In connection with the plan, the city and county
16 of Honolulu, among other things, shall study the feasibility of
17 providing emergency shelter for pets in the parking lot of the
18 Neil Blaisdell Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
 4 a grant-in-aid to the city and county of Honolulu to develop a
 5 plan for providing pets with emergency shelter during disasters
 6 and large-scale emergencies. The plan shall focus on the island
 7 of Oahu and shall include, but shall not be limited to, a review
 8 of the feasibility of providing emergency shelter for pets in
 9 the parking lot of the Neil Blaisdell Center in Honolulu,
 10 Hawaii. The city and county shall work with the Hawaiian Humane
 11 Society and the civil defense agency of the state department of
 12 defense in developing the plan.

13 SECTION 3. The city and county of Honolulu shall report
 14 its plan, findings, and recommendations, including any necessary
 15 proposed legislation, if any, to the legislature no later than
 16 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
 17 2007.

18 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
 19 city and county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Emergency Preparedness; Pet Shelter; Grant in Aid

Description:

Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to the city and county of Honolulu to develop a plan for providing emergency shelter for pets during disasters and emergencies.

