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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Hawaii is vulnerable to a host of disasters,  
2 both natural and manmade. The legislature recognizes the  
3 importance of remaining vigilant to protect residents and  
4 visitors from any disaster. Because these threats may cause  
5 great devastation to Hawaii, the legislature deems it vitally  
6 important to ensure the State is adequately prepared to deal  
7 with any possible disaster. The legislature finds while the  
8 State and private agencies have made great strides to handle  
9 disasters, much work needs to be done to improve disaster-  
10 related planning and preparation.

11           A number of public schools throughout the State have been  
12 designated as emergency shelters in the event of a natural or  
13 manmade disaster. These emergency shelters may not meet the  
14 design criteria standards established by the department of  
15 defense pursuant to Act 5, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005.

16           In addition to providing safe emergency shelter, an  
17 effective response to a catastrophic disaster requires efficient



1 communications among the counties, the military, and state and  
2 federal agencies.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for  
4 disaster preparedness efforts, including:

- 5 (1) Constructing or retrofitting emergency shelters  
6 located in the community, as well as emergency  
7 shelters located on public school grounds, to meet  
8 current civil defense design standards;
- 9 (2) Increasing the number of safe emergency shelters;
- 10 (3) Operating emergency shelters on a twenty-four-hour,  
11 seven days a week basis;
- 12 (4) Upgrading state and county civil defense disaster  
13 alert and communication systems;
- 14 (5) Conducting an education and awareness campaign  
15 relating to disaster preparedness; and
- 16 (6) Providing humanitarian aid, such as food, water, and  
17 emergency care, for disaster victims.

18 SECTION 2. The department of education and the department  
19 of defense shall jointly determine which structures presently  
20 being used for department of education operations have been  
21 designated as emergency shelters but do not meet the department



1 of defense's design standards established pursuant to Act 5,  
2 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005.

3 The department of education and the department of defense  
4 shall also identify sites for new emergency shelters located  
5 within or on the grounds of facilities being used for department  
6 of education operations to be constructed according to the  
7 current design standards.

8 The department of defense shall submit a report of any  
9 findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature  
10 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
11 session of 2007.

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 planning, design, construction, and equipment costs related  
16 to retrofitting existing structures presently being used for  
17 department of education operations that have been designated as  
18 emergency shelters, to comply with design standards established  
19 pursuant to Act 5, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
22 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for



1 the planning, design, construction, and equipment costs related  
2 to increasing the number of safe emergency shelters located in  
3 the community.

4 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to  
7 upgrade, install, and maintain a comprehensive disaster alert  
8 system to provide early warning for residents. The sum  
9 appropriated shall also be used to conduct an education and  
10 awareness campaign so that people know exactly what to do and  
11 where to go during a major disaster.

12 SECTION 6. 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 grants to the state law enforcement coalition to provide  
16 humanitarian aid such as food, water, and emergency care, as  
17 well as logistical support.

18 SECTION 7. The sums appropriated in section 3 shall be  
19 expended by the department of education and sections 4 and 5 by  
20 the department of defense. The sum appropriated in section 6  
21 shall be expended by the attorney general for the purposes of



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1 this section, upon determination by the governor that a state  
2 disaster has occurred.

3 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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# SB. NO. 3055

**Report Title:**

Schools; Emergency Shelters; Disaster Management; Civil Defense

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to retrofit existing and construct new emergency shelters, operate shelters on a 24/7 basis, upgrade civil defense communication systems, conduct an education and awareness campaign, and provide humanitarian aid.

