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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The State's long-term care facilities are  
2 outdated and built to standards that are not resistant to  
3 hurricanes and other natural disasters. Many of the elderly and  
4 infirm reside in long-term care facilities, making them  
5 vulnerable to severe injury or death from a hurricane or other  
6 natural disaster.

7 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation for a  
8 statewide engineering assessment of long-term care facilities to  
9 determine to what extent each facility is prepared to withstand  
10 a hurricane or other natural disaster.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for  
14 an engineering assessment of every adult residential care home  
15 (Types I and II), expanded adult residential care home (Types I  
16 and II), and hospice home to determine:



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- 1 (1) To what extent each facility is presently capable of  
2 withstanding a hurricane or other natural disaster;  
3 (2) The nature, extent, and costs of renovation or  
4 remodeling to bring the facility to the desirable  
5 levels of structural sufficiency.

6 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
7 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

Long-Term Care Nursing Facilities; Engineering Assessment

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation for an engineering assessment of long-term care nursing facilities to evaluate their emergency preparedness.

