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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 127, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to read as follows:
4	"§127- Emergency and disaster hotlines. (a) The
5	director of disaster relief shall coordinate efforts to
6	establish telephone hotlines to facilitate the dissemination of
7	information relating to emergencies and natural disasters, to
8	enable businesses to make direct contact with relevant state and
9	county agencies in matters that are not covered by public
10	bulletins.
11	As used in this section, "direct contact" means person-to-
12	person communication and does not include pre-recorded messages.
13	(b) The emergency and disaster hotlines shall operate
14	during periods in which the governor has proclaimed a state of
15	disaster to exist, and operations shall fall under the direction
16	and control of the director.



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1	(c) The disaster relief agency shall compile and publicize
2	a listing of emergency and disaster hotline numbers, which shall
3	be updated on an annual basis.
4	(d) In coordinating these efforts, the director shall take
5	into account existing procedures and facilities for similar
6	purposes within state and county agencies.
7	SECTION 2. The director of disaster relief shall submit to
8	the legislature a report on the status and progress of the
9	establishment of emergency and disaster hotlines no later than
10	twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
11	2008.
12	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to
15	establish emergency and disaster hotlines.
16	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the division of
17	disaster relief of the department of defense for the purposes of
18	this Act.
19	SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
20	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.
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Report Title:

Civil Defense; Emergency and Disaster Hotlines

Description:

Requires the Director of Disaster Relief to coordinate efforts to establish telephone hotlines to facilitate the dissemination of information relating to emergencies and natural disasters, to enable businesses to make direct contact with relevant state and county agencies in case of questions about information not covered by public bulletins. Appropriates funds.

