

JAN 19 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL DISASTERS TRAINING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as a result of the
2 number of major natural disasters that have occurred globally in
3 the past year and the difficulties that arose in providing a
4 swift, appropriate, and effective response to the victims of
5 those events, the United States Federal Emergency Management
6 Agency began to identify gaps in its response system. Among
7 other things, the agency noted that recovery from major natural
8 disasters takes much longer than anyone had ever anticipated.
9 Further, there is virtually no established system that provides
10 long-term case management services to victims that identifies
11 the ongoing needs of the affected communities, and which
12 develops, coordinates, and distributes resources to meet those
13 needs.

14 Through an arrangement with Catholic Charities U.S.A.,
15 short-term funding was awarded in 2006 to the University of
16 Hawaii school of social work for a demonstration project that
17 would develop and implement a training program and curriculum



1 for local social service providers. The project staff also
2 worked with other service providers in the area of disaster
3 relief to develop a more coordinated case management response to
4 natural disasters occurring locally.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
6 continuation of the University of Hawaii school of social work's
7 long-term case management training program to benefit victims of
8 major natural disasters.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$160,000, or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to
12 operate the University of Hawaii school of social work's
13 long-term case management training program for victims of major
14 natural disasters, and to expand the program to the entire
15 State, utilizing University of Hawaii campuses on the neighbor
16 islands, with particular focus on Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii as
17 training sites.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
19 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Natural Disasters Training; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to the University of Hawaii for the school of social work's long-term case management training program for victims of major natural disasters; including expansion of the program to the entire State, utilizing University of Hawaii campuses on the neighbor islands as training sites.

