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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. The legislature finds that Hawaii is vulnerable  
2 to a tsunami or hurricane disaster and recognizes the importance  
3 in remaining vigilant in protecting its residents and guests  
4 from these disasters. In view of lessons learned from the 2004  
5 tsunami in South East Asia and Hurricane Katrina in Florida in  
6 2005, and because these natural disasters pose a great potential  
7 to cause vast devastation to Hawaii, the legislature deems it  
8 vitally important to ensure the State is adequately prepared to  
9 deal with these disasters. While the State and related private  
10 agencies have made great strides in becoming capable of handling  
11 a tsunami or hurricane disaster, more resources are needed to  
12 upgrade and decrease coverage gaps in the existing warning  
13 systems.

14           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to add  
15 urgently-needed civil defense siren warning systems throughout  
16 the State.



1 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
 2 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$2,500,000, or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary, in each year of fiscal biennium  
 4 2007-2009, and the same sums, or so much thereof as may be  
 5 necessary, are appropriated for fiscal biennium 2007-2009, for  
 6 the purpose of installing additional sirens to the state civil  
 7 defense warning systems.

8 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital  
 9 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
 10 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
 11 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
 12 unencumbered as of June 30, 2010, shall lapse as of that date.

13 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated in section 2 of this Act  
 14 shall be expended by the department of defense for the purposes  
 15 of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.  
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**Report Title:**

Capital Improvement Project; Civil Defense

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund the installation of additional sirens to the state civil defense warning system.

