

JAN 28 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the American Red
2 Cross is a humanitarian organization that is tax exempt under
3 section 501(c)(3) of the International Red Cross and chartered
4 by the United States Congress. The mission of the American Red
5 Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering by providing
6 relief to victims of disasters and helping to prevent, prepare
7 for, and respond to emergencies. In this mission, the American
8 Red Cross, Hawaii Chapter, works hand-in-hand with the state
9 department of defense, civil defense agency.

10 Hawaii is especially vulnerable to hurricanes, tsunami, and
11 other natural disasters. As the doorway to Asia, Hawaii must be
12 equally cognizant of threats from avian flu, bio-terrorist
13 attacks, and other non-natural disasters. It is not a matter of
14 "if" but of "when" a major disaster will strike Hawaii.

15 Further, due to the geographic isolation of the State, in the
16 event of a major disaster, the residents of Hawaii will have to
17 survive on their own for a longer period of time than in many
18 other states before aid may come from outside the State.



1 According to a draft *Federal Support CONOP for Catastrophic*
2 *Hurricane Impacting State of Hawaii* to be released shortly by
3 the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a category three or
4 four storm, the same force as hurricane Iniki, would destroy or
5 heavily damage thirty-eight per cent of all homes and leave
6 another forty per cent of the remaining homes with damage.

7 Presently, the American Red Cross, Hawaii Chapter, provides
8 aid to the people of Hawaii who fall victim to natural and man-
9 made disasters that occur about every three days in Hawaii. To
10 continuously prepare for and meet these challenges, the American
11 Red Cross, Hawaii Chapter, staff and volunteers are on duty
12 twenty-four hour a day, seven days a week. At the main
13 headquarters of the Hawaii Chapter in Honolulu, volunteers are
14 constantly being trained, emergency supplies are continually
15 restocked and stored, and equipment and personnel standby ready
16 for any future major disaster. However, ongoing efforts to
17 fortify and harden the headquarters to protect staff and
18 volunteers, equipment and supplies, and the provision of
19 services in a major disaster continue constantly.

20 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to
21 allow the department of defense, civil defense agency, to assist
22 the American Red Cross, Hawaii Chapter, to harden and fortify



1 the main Hawaii Chapter headquarters in Honolulu to allow it to
2 continue to fulfill its mission to serve the people of Hawaii.

3 SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as shall
4 be necessary to finance the projects listed in this Act, are
5 hereby appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of
6 Hawaii for fiscal year 2009-2010.

7 To be expended by the department of defense:

8 American Red Cross, Hawaii Chapter:
9 Plans, design, and construction for
10 Hurricane screens and window laminate;
11 Retaining wall to abate flooding;
12 Generators for Oahu headquarters and
13 four neighbor island offices; storage
14 for disaster equipment and supplies;
15 Photovoltaic panels to produce
16 reliable energy.

17 Total funding \$ 1,650,000

18 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated for the respective
19 capital projects set forth in section 2 shall be expended by the
20 designated expending agency for the purposes of this Act.

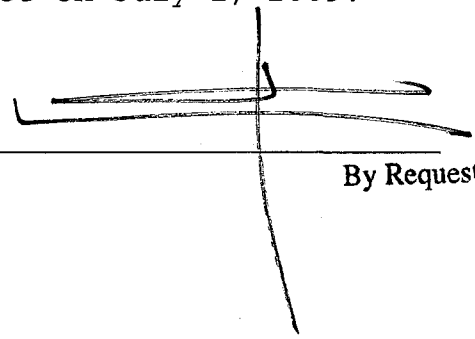


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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



By Request



Report Title:

Department of Defense, Civil Defense; American Red Cross;
Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to the state department of defense to assist the American Red Cross, Hawaii Chapter, with needed capital improvement projects.

