
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the leeward coast of
2 Oahu is only accessible by way of Farrington Highway. Any
3 closure of the highway due to traffic accidents or other
4 incidences can temporarily disrupt the lives of tens of
5 thousands of commuting residents. The legislature also finds
6 that, if a major disaster closes the freeway for extended
7 periods of time, a host of problems arise that directly impacts
8 the health, safety, and welfare of several leeward communities.

9 The purpose of this Act is to prepare for a major disaster
10 on the leeward coast by requiring the director of civil defense
11 to prepare a disaster preparedness plan for the 44th and 45th
12 house of representatives districts. This Act is intended to
13 serve as a model for future expansion of the disaster
14 preparedness plan to serve other communities in the State.

15 SECTION 2. The director of civil defense shall prepare a
16 disaster preparedness plan for the leeward coast areas of Oahu,
17 specifically the areas included in the house of representative
18 districts 44 and 45 which include the communities of Waianae,



1 Makaha, Makua, Honokai Hale, Nanakuli, Lualualei, and Maili.

2 The plan shall include strategies to address the following

3 concerns:

4 1. The closing of roadway access to the districts with no
5 available alternate routes;

6 2. The use of air and sea transportation services when
7 roads are closed and the coordination of these
8 services, especially the designation of primary and
9 alternate air landing sites and any legal
10 authorization needed to land on those sites;

11 3. The large homeless population living on beaches with
12 limited resources;

13 4. The elderly, some of whom live alone, with limited
14 access to disaster shelters and transportation
15 services;

16 5. The growing indigent population that is suffering from
17 the current economic downturn who rely heavily on
18 public transportation to commute to work;

19 6. The coordination, distribution, and delivery of food,
20 products, and services by private and public
21 companies, organizations, and individuals to homes and
22 communities;



- 1 7. An organization to serve as a community site
- 2 coordinator (e.g. local civil defense volunteer team);
- 3 8. An inventory of existing governmental agencies,
- 4 private companies, organizations, and individuals who
- 5 may assist with a disaster preparedness plan;
- 6 9. Meetings in the community to gather input and follow-
- 7 up meetings to disseminate this report; and
- 8 10. Any other issue necessary for a disaster preparedness
- 9 plan.

10 SECTION 3. The director of civil defense shall report the

11 director's findings and recommendations, including costs to the

12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of

13 the 2011 regular session.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Disaster Preparedness Plan; Civil Defense

Description:

Requires the director of civil defense to prepare a disaster preparedness plan for the 44th and 45th House of Representatives districts and to report to the legislature in 2011.

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