
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 incidents can temporarily disrupt the lives of tens of thousands
5 of commuting residents. The legislature also finds that, if a
6 major disaster closes the freeway for extended periods of time,
7 a host of problems arise that directly impacts the health,
8 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 authorizing the director of civil
11 defense to work with the deputy director of civil defense or the
12 mayor of the city and county of Honolulu to prepare a disaster
13 preparedness plan for the forty-fourth and forty-fifth house of
14 representatives districts. This Act is intended to serve as a
15 model for future expansion of the disaster preparedness plan to
16 serve other communities in the state.

17 SECTION 2. The director of civil defense, as part of the
18 director's statewide responsibilities, may work with the deputy



1 director of civil defense or the mayor of the city and county of
2 Honolulu to prepare a disaster preparedness plan for the leeward
3 coast areas of Oahu, specifically the areas included in the
4 house of representative districts forty-four and forty-five,
5 which include the communities of Waianae, Makaha, Makua, Honokai
6 Hale, Nanakuli, Lualualei, and Maili. The plan may include
7 strategies to address the following concerns:

- 8 (1) The closing of roadway access to the districts with no
9 available alternate routes;
- 10 (2) The use of air and sea transportation services when
11 roads are closed and the coordination of these
12 services, especially the designation of primary and
13 alternate air landing sites and any legal
14 authorization needed to land on those sites;
- 15 (3) The large homeless population living on beaches with
16 limited resources;
- 17 (4) The elderly, some of whom live alone, with limited
18 access to disaster shelters and transportation
19 services;
- 20 (5) The growing population that relies heavily on public
21 transportation to commute to work;



1 (6) The coordination, distribution, and delivery of food,
2 products, and services by private and public
3 companies, organizations, and individuals to homes and
4 communities;

5 (7) An organization to serve as a community site
6 coordinator, including a local civil defense volunteer
7 team;

8 (8) An inventory of existing governmental agencies,
9 private companies, organizations, and individuals who
10 may assist with a disaster preparedness plan;

11 (9) Community meetings in the community to gather input
12 and follow-up meetings to disseminate the disaster
13 preparedness plan; and

14 (10) Any other issue necessary for a disaster preparedness
15 plan.

16 SECTION 3. If the director of civil defense prepares a
17 disaster preparedness plan authorized by this Act, the director
18 of civil defense shall report the director's findings and
19 recommendations, including costs, to the legislature no later
20 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011 regular
21 session.

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



Report Title:

Disaster Preparedness Plan; Civil Defense

Description:

Authorizes the director of civil defense to work with appropriate city and county of Honolulu authorities to prepare a disaster preparedness plan for the forty-fourth and forty-fifth House of Representatives districts and report to the Legislature in 2011. (HB2692 CD1)

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