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S.B. NO. 2502

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR
OPERATING EXPENSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii civil air
2 patrol is a civilian volunteer auxiliary service of the United
3 States Air Force. The three missions of the Hawaii civil air
4 patrol are providing emergency services, cadet programs, and
5 aerospace education. The Hawaii civil air patrol serves the
6 State and the nation through homeland security and humanitarian
7 efforts and has over five hundred members who provide volunteer
8 public service. The Hawaii civil air patrol consists of three
9 squadrons and four aircraft on Oahu, one squadron and two
10 aircraft on Kauai, one squadron and one aircraft on Maui, and
11 two squadrons and two aircraft on the island of Hawaii. All
12 volunteers are trained and ready to execute emergency service
13 missions, including tsunami warning, search and rescue, damage
14 assessment, aerial homeland security support, and counter-drug
15 reconnaissance.

16 Since the 1950s, tsunami warning has been the Hawaii civil
17 air patrol's primary mission in Hawaii. Recently, in October



1 2006, following the earthquake, Hawaii civil air patrol units
2 and crews assisted the Hawaii county civil defense by taking
3 photographs of damaged sites. In November 2006, Hawaii civil
4 air patrol units flew tsunami watch sorties over north and west
5 Oahu to warn beachgoers to evacuate. In January 2007, the
6 Hawaii civil air patrol alerted beachgoers on the Na Pali coast
7 to the possibility of a tsunami. There is no other tsunami
8 airborne warning capability in Hawaii outside the Hawaii civil
9 air patrol.

10 Even more vital is the role that the Hawaii civil air
11 patrol plays in providing volunteers for emergency services.
12 The Hawaii civil air patrol participates in disaster relief
13 operations by augmenting the operations of the United States
14 Coast Guard. Recently, in July 2002, the Hawaii civil air
15 patrol was instrumental in locating a small plane that went down
16 on Maui. In February 2004, the Hawaii civil air patrol located
17 the missing air ambulance near Hilo. In December 2008, the
18 Hawaii civil air patrol ran an aerial damage assessment mission
19 to assist Kauai civil defense in gauging damage caused by recent
20 storms and flooding.

21 In addition, the Hawaii civil air patrol also has a fully
22 developed cadet program that challenges and educates over two



1 hundred cadets in leadership, military science, aerospace
2 education, emergency services, and citizenship. The cadet
3 program includes a critical summer encampment for cadets that
4 provides a comprehensive course covering leadership, team-
5 building, drill and ceremonies, and exposure to the Hawaii civil
6 air patrol and the United States Air Force. The encampment is a
7 requirement for a cadet to progress through the ranks.

8 Recently, the Hawaii civil air patrol, Hawaii Wing has been
9 downsized by one aircraft by their National Headquarters due to
10 the minimum flying of their assigned aircraft. The number of
11 tsunami training missions and training flights for the State of
12 Hawaii has been minimized and the Hawaii civil air patrol flies
13 and trains only on the availability of state civil defense
14 funds.

15 The legislature finds that the Hawaii civil air patrol
16 requires state funding to allow it to continue its vital tsunami
17 warning operations.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2010-2011
21 for the Hawaii civil air patrol to continue its missions in the
22 State of Hawaii, including its tsunami warning operations.



1 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
2 department of defense for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.
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Report Title:

Hawaii Civil Air Patrol; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii civil air patrol for tsunami operations in Hawaii.

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