
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 Internal Revenue Code and chartered by
4 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 gateway to Asia and the
12 Pacific, Hawaii must be equally cognizant of threats from avian
13 flu, bio-terrorist attacks, and other non-natural disasters. It
14 is not a matter of "if" but of "when" a major disaster will
15 strike Hawaii. Further, due to the geographic isolation of the
16 state, in the event of a major disaster, the residents of Hawaii
17 will have to survive on their own for a longer period of time



1 than in many other states before aid may come from outside the
2 state.

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

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



1 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated for the respective
2 capital projects set forth in section 2 shall be expended by the
3 department of defense for the purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB1568 HD1)

