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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 201B-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Tourism emergency" means the occurrence of an event or
5 condition, regardless of when or where it occurs, that adversely
6 affects Hawaii's tourism industry and results in a substantial
7 interruption in the commerce of the State and which adversely
8 affects the welfare of the people of the State."

9 SECTION 2. Section 201B-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "[+] §201B-9 [+] Tourism emergency. [~~a~~—If] When the
12 board determines that [~~the occurrence of a world conflict,~~
13 ~~terrorist threat, natural disaster, outbreak of disease, or~~
14 ~~other catastrophic event, regardless of when or where it occurs,~~
15 ~~adversely affects Hawaii's tourism industry by resulting in a~~
16 ~~substantial interruption in the commerce of the State and~~
17 ~~adversely affecting the welfare of its people, the board shall~~



1 ~~submit a request to the governor to declare that] a tourism~~
2 ~~emergency exists [-~~

3 ~~(b) Upon declaration by the governor that a tourism~~
4 ~~emergency exists pursuant to subsection (a),]~~ the authority
5 shall develop ~~[and implement measures]~~ plans and programs to
6 respond to the tourism emergency ~~[, including providing~~
7 ~~assistance to tourists during the emergency; provided that any~~
8 ~~tourism emergency response measure implemented pursuant to this~~
9 ~~subsection shall not include any provision that would adversely~~
10 ~~affect the organized labor force in tourism-related industries.]~~

11 by:

12 (1) Executing a strategy determined to be necessary to
13 provide assistance to victims of the tourism emergency
14 and to protect the health and safety of the victims;

15 (2) Coordinating the activities of public and private
16 organizations that may be mobilized to provide
17 assistance during the tourism emergency;

18 (3) Expediting the procurement of supplies, equipment, and
19 services in light of the exigencies of the tourism
20 emergency as part of a relief plan or program; and

21 (4) Executing a public information strategy as part of a
22 relief plan or program."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Tourism Emergency; Definition

Description:

Creates definition of "tourism emergency" and requires the board of the Hawaii tourism authority, when it determines a tourism emergency exists, to develop plans and programs to respond to the tourism emergency. Removes requirement for governor to declare existence of a tourism emergency.

