
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII CIVIL AIR PATROL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii civil air
2 patrol provides necessary disaster relief, search and rescue,
3 homeland security, and medical emergency transport services to
4 local and national organizations. The Hawaii civil air patrol
5 also provides low-cost humanitarian emergency services and
6 homeland security support to the State, through the pre-disaster
7 emergency warning and post-disaster recovery operations, as well
8 as support to federal agencies involved with homeland security
9 in the event of a terrorist attack.

10 The legislature further finds that the \$75,000 appropriated
11 for fiscal year 2007 was exhausted by March 31, 2008. The
12 legislature also finds that there was no funding at all for the
13 Hawaii civil air patrol for fiscal years 1997 through 2003. The
14 level of funding from fiscal year 2004 through 2007 was below
15 historical funding levels from fiscal year 1982 until fiscal
16 year 1997. Thus, historically the Hawaii civil air patrol has
17 struggled to maintain its readiness capabilities. In the past,
18 it has relied upon combining pilot proficiency and competency



1 training with the United States Air Force and federal Drug
2 Enforcement Administration programs. However, this funding on
3 the federal level is declining.

4 The legislature further finds that the lack of funding has
5 other adverse consequences to the State, including maintaining
6 an adequate tsunami warning system and disaster relief missions.

7 Since the early 1950s, the civil air patrol has provided
8 tsunami warning services to the State. Once a tsunami alert has
9 been issued by the National Weather Service, the civil air
10 patrol mobilizes its aircraft, making repeated passes over
11 beaches and coastal communities using sirens and loud speakers
12 to warn residents. The civil air patrol also plays a vital role
13 in disaster relief. Volunteer civil air patrol members fly
14 disaster relief officials to remote locations and support local,
15 state, and national disaster relief organizations with
16 experienced pilots and personnel. The civil air patrol
17 transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products, and
18 body tissue.

19 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to help
20 defray the operational expenses of the Hawaii civil air patrol.

21 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



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1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
3 year 2010-2011 for the Hawaii civil air patrol operational
4 expenses.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
6 defense for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Makes appropriation for expenses of the Hawaii wing, civil air patrol.

