
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is
2 vulnerable to a wide range of natural and man-made hazards that
3 threaten the life, health, and safety of its people; damage and
4 destroy property; disrupt services, businesses, and recreational
5 activities; and impede economic growth and development. This
6 vulnerability is exacerbated by the growing number of businesses
7 and residences located in coastal areas and an increase in the
8 elderly, tourist, and special needs populations.

9 The purpose of this Act is to establish an emergency
10 management task force to ensure state law provides adequate
11 protection to residents, visitors, and businesses during an
12 emergency.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The emergency management task force is
14 established within the legislative reference bureau, for
15 administrative purposes only, to evaluate chapters 127 and 128,
16 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and make recommendations for amending
17 these chapters or creating a new chapter.



1 (b) The emergency management task force shall include the
2 following members:

3 (1) The chair of the senate committee on public safety,
4 government operations, and military affairs, who shall
5 serve as co-chair;

6 (2) The chair of the house of representatives committee on
7 public safety and military affairs, who shall serve as
8 co-chair;

9 (3) The attorney general;

10 (4) The adjutant general;

11 (5) The director of the Hawaii state civil defense;

12 (6) The director of health;

13 (7) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
14 resources;

15 (8) The director of public safety;

16 (9) The director of finance;

17 (10) The director of transportation;

18 (11) The mayor of each county;

19 (12) The chief of the police department and the chief of
20 the fire department of each county;



1 (13) The regional administrator of Region IX, United States
2 Federal Emergency Management Agency, who shall be
3 requested to serve;

4 (14) One member to be appointed by the governor;

5 (15) One member to be appointed by the president of the
6 senate; and

7 (16) One member to be appointed by the speaker of the house
8 of representatives.

9 (c) The emergency management task force shall:

10 (1) Evaluate the provisions of chapters 127 and 128,
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to determine if adequate
12 safeguards are in place to provide sufficient warning
13 and protection in any emergency to visitors and
14 residents of the State; and

15 (2) Recommend amendments to chapter 127 or 128, the
16 creation of a new chapter, or both.

17 (d) The emergency management task force shall meet no less
18 than five times between June 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012;
19 provided that if necessary, the task force may meet after
20 December 31, 2012.

21 (e) The emergency management task force shall submit a
22 report of its findings and recommendations, including any



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1 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
2 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2013.

3 (f) The emergency management task force shall be dissolved
4 on June 30, 2013.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Emergency Management Task Force

Description:

Establishes an emergency management task force to review, evaluate, and make recommendations for the revision of chapters 127 and 128, HRS.

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