
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that first responders,
2 National Guard members, and military personnel play key roles in
3 responses to manmade or natural disasters. Trained and educated
4 community civilians are also imperative to any civil defense
5 plan. These trained community civilians work with city, state,
6 and federal civil defense staff who are well trained and
7 prepared for all manmade and natural disasters that can occur in
8 the State. With proper training and knowledge provided by
9 county civil defense and emergency agencies, civilians can
10 assist communities in preparing for emergency situations and
11 provide first response support.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize and
13 appropriate funds for the department of defense civil defense
14 division to provide administrative oversight of twenty-five
15 civilian community teams and to hire a coordinator to establish
16 the teams and ensure that they are properly trained to assist
17 city, state, and federal personnel during manmade or natural
18 disasters.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§128- Civilian community teams. (a) For the purpose
5 of providing for community assistance in disaster relief as
6 defined in section 127-1, the director of civil defense shall
7 assemble twenty-five civilian community teams of ten unpaid
8 volunteer residents over the age of eighteen.

9 (b) Each civilian community team shall meet at least twice
10 each quarter and receive at least \$5,000 per fiscal year for
11 community workshops, informational brochures, signage, and other
12 emergency-related supplies that assist in community readiness
13 for disasters, subject to the approval of the director of civil
14 defense.

15 (c) The director of civil defense shall hire a coordinator
16 to help establish, train, and provide administrative oversight
17 of the civilian community teams.

18 (d) The state civil defense division shall work
19 collaboratively with county civil defense agencies to:

20 (1) Avoid possible redundancy in the responsibilities of
21 the civilian community teams;



- 1 (2) Ensure funding for the civilian community teams does
- 2 not overlap with duplicative state and county civil
- 3 defense programs; provided that the funding may be
- 4 expended to augment existing civil defense programs if
- 5 the purposes of the funding are mutually agreed upon
- 6 by the coordinator, the state civil defense division,
- 7 and the county civil defense agencies; and
- 8 (3) Establish boundaries served by the civilian community
- 9 teams that are mutually agreed upon by community and
- 10 county partners."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
 14 director of civil defense to establish twenty-five civilian
 15 community teams and one coordinator position pursuant to this
 16 Act.

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

19 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

State Department of Defense; Civil Defense; Natural or Man-Made Disaster; Civilian Community Teams; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes civilian community teams. Makes an appropriation to assemble 25 civilian community teams and hire a coordinator to help establish, train, and assist the teams. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB2305 HD1)

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