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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 natural or human-caused disasters. Trained and
4 educated community civilians are also imperative to any
5 emergency management plan. These trained community civilians
6 work with city, state, and federal emergency management staff
7 who are well trained and prepared for all natural or human-
8 caused disasters that can occur in the State. With proper
9 training and knowledge provided by emergency management
10 agencies, civilians can assist communities in preparing for
11 emergency situations and provide first response support.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow the state
13 department of defense Hawaii emergency management agency to
14 provide administrative oversight for twenty-five civilian
15 community teams and to hire a coordinator to establish the teams
16 and ensure they are properly trained to assist city, state, and



1 federal personnel during natural or human caused disasters, and
2 to appropriate funds for that purpose.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§127A- Civilian community teams. (a) For the purpose
7 of providing for community assistance in disaster relief as
8 defined in section 127A-2, the director may assemble one
9 civilian community team of ten unpaid volunteer residents over
10 the age of eighteen for each senatorial district, adjusted
11 pursuant to the most recently adopted final reapportionment
12 plan.

13 (b) Each civilian community team should meet at least
14 quarterly. Subject to funding, each team may be eligible to
15 receive up to \$5,000 per fiscal year for community workshops,
16 informational brochures, signage, and other emergency-related
17 supplies that assist in community readiness for disasters,
18 subject to the approval of the director.

19 (c) The director may hire a coordinator to help establish,
20 train, and provide administrative oversight of the civilian
21 community teams."



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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
 4 the director of the Hawaii emergency management agency to
 5 establish twenty-five civilian community teams and one
 6 coordinator position pursuant to this Act.

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

9 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

State Department of Defense; Emergency Management Agency;
Natural or Human-Caused Disaster; Civilian Community Teams;
Appropriation

Description:

Allows for and appropriates funds for the state department of defense Hawaii emergency management agency to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams to assist communities during emergencies and disasters and to hire a coordinator to help establish, train, and assist the teams.

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