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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that firefighters are  
2           crucially important men and women who often risk their lives to  
3           assist others. They stand ready to extinguish fires, administer  
4           first aid, and provide emergency services.

5           The legislature further finds that firefighters serve the  
6           State at fire stations at Hawaii airports, the county of Hawaii  
7           in twenty-five fire stations, the city and county of Honolulu in  
8           forty-four fire stations, the county of Kauai in seven fire  
9           stations, and the county of Maui in fourteen fire stations.

10          The legislature finds that the Hawaii emergency management  
11          agency recommends that each resident stock an emergency  
12          preparedness kit that includes enough food and water for at  
13          least seven days. However, the legislature also finds that the  
14          fire stations of the city and county of Honolulu store only  
15          four-day supplies of food and water. Fire stations of the  
16          county of Maui store only a one-day supply of MRE's, or Meals,  
17          Ready to Eat, which are intended only for prolonged incidents.



1 Although fire stations in the county of Kauai have special water  
2 filters that can remove impurities for drinking and cooking,  
3 those stations do not store emergency supplies of food and  
4 water; and neither do the fire stations in the county of Hawaii.

5 The legislature further finds that it is in the best  
6 interests of the State and the counties to ensure that  
7 firefighters have adequate supplies of food and water for their  
8 own use at these fire stations, particularly when natural  
9 disasters or other calamities strike.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to supply  
11 emergency seven-day provisions of food and water for state and  
12 county firefighters while they serve at fire stations; provided  
13 that a county provides matching funds for provisions for its  
14 firefighters.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
19 year 2018-2019 to supply each fire station at state airports  
20 with emergency provisions of food and water in amounts



1 sufficient to sustain for seven days all of the firefighters  
2 serving during the fully staffed shift at each station.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2018-2019 to supply each fire station of the county of  
10 Hawaii fire department with emergency provisions of food and  
11 water in amounts sufficient to sustain for seven days all of the  
12 firefighters serving during the fully staffed shift at each  
13 station; provided that no funds shall be made available under  
14 this Act unless matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the  
15 county of Hawaii for the purpose for which the sums are  
16 appropriated.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
18 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and



1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
2 year 2018-2019 to supply each fire station of the city and  
3 county of Honolulu fire department with emergency provisions of  
4 food and water in amounts sufficient to sustain for seven days  
5 all of the firefighters serving during the fully staffed shift  
6 at each station for seven days; provided that no funds shall be  
7 made available under this Act unless matched on a dollar-for-  
8 dollar basis by the city and county of Honolulu for the purpose  
9 for which the sums are appropriated.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the city and  
11 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
16 year 2018-2019 to supply each fire station of the county of  
17 Kauai fire department with emergency provisions of food and  
18 water in amounts sufficient to sustain for seven days all of the  
19 firefighters serving during the fully staffed shift at each  
20 station; provided that no funds shall be made available under  
21 this Act unless matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the

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1 county of Kauai for the purpose for which the sums are  
2 appropriated.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
4 Kauai for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2018-2019 to supply each fire station of the county of Maui  
10 department of fire and public safety with emergency provisions  
11 of food and water in amounts sufficient to sustain for seven  
12 days all of the firefighters serving during the fully staffed  
13 shift at each station; provided that no funds shall be made  
14 available under this Act unless matched on a dollar-for-dollar  
15 basis by the county of Maui for the purpose for which the sums  
16 are appropriated.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
18 Maui for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Firefighters; Emergency Provisions; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys necessary to supply emergency 7-day provisions of food and water for state and county firefighters while they serve at fire stations; provided that a county provides matching funds for provisions for its firefighters.

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