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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§127A-    Civilian unmanned aerial systems volunteer  
5 corps. (a) The agency shall establish the civilian unmanned  
6 aerial systems volunteer corps, which, if requested by the  
7 agency or a county emergency management agency, shall be  
8 available to support or assist state or county emergency  
9 management agency staff through the use of unmanned aerial  
10 systems when there is a need for disaster relief.

11           (b) The civilian unmanned aerial systems volunteer corps  
12 may include any volunteer that:

13           (1) Is a resident of the State of Hawaii; and

14           (2) Owns and operates an unmanned aerial system.

15           (c) The agency shall maintain a database of the names,  
16 addresses, and telephone numbers of all volunteers of the  
17 civilian unmanned aerial systems volunteer corps.



1        (d) All volunteers of the civilian unmanned aerial systems  
 2 volunteer corps shall be entitled to the status, rights, and  
 3 immunities of volunteers pursuant to sections 127A-8 and 127A-  
 4 9."

5        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

6        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Defense; Emergency Management Agency; Civilian Unmanned Aerial Systems Volunteer Corps

**Description:**

Creates the Civilian Unmanned Aerial Systems Volunteer Corps as part of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to assist the state or counties when there is a need for disaster relief.

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