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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO PLANNING.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that disaster recovery  
2       efforts need to be carried out quickly and efficiently to ensure  
3       that damaged infrastructure and interrupted services are  
4       restored as soon as possible. Prudent pre-disaster planning, as  
5       well as post-disaster responses that seek to make the State less  
6       vulnerable in future disasters, can expedite responses that  
7       anticipate future needs. For example, if a road is destroyed by  
8       an ocean wave surge caused by a hurricane, it may be best to  
9       build the replacement road further inland, where it is less  
10      vulnerable. These types of scenarios should be evaluated before  
11      an actual disaster strikes.

12      Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
13      State and counties to incorporate predictions of sea level rise  
14      and other climate change hazards and mitigation opportunities  
15      into applicable plans, strategies, and mapping, in order to  
16      increase our State's resiliency and ability to properly respond  
17      to natural disasters.



1       SECTION 2. 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-       Climate change hazards and mitigation planning;  
5 required. The State and each county shall incorporate  
6 evaluations, predictions, and recommendations pertaining to  
7 climate change hazards and mitigation into their respective  
8 multi-hazard mitigation plans. Those plans shall, at a minimum,  
9 incorporate findings of the "Hawaii Sea Level Rise Vulnerability  
10 and Adaptation Report" prepared by the Hawaii climate change  
11 mitigation and adaptation commission."

12       SECTION 3. In devising pre-disaster planning and post-  
13 disaster recovery strategies, the State and each county shall  
14 develop and establish comprehensive frameworks addressing sea  
15 level rise adaptation strategies.

16       SECTION 4. Beginning on the effective date of this Act,  
17 all floodplain mapping supported by state or county funding  
18 shall include modeling that anticipates sea level rise and  
19 floodplains in terms of a hundred-year coastal flood benchmark.

20       SECTION 5. Each county shall participate in the community  
21 rating system developed by the national flood insurance program.



1 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Disasters; Planning; Recovery; Climate Change

**Description:**

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