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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. Section 127A-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

3           "(c) The [~~director~~] administrator may, from funds allotted  
4 therefor, employ technical, clerical, administrative, and other  
5 personnel and make such expenditures as may be necessary.

6           (d) The [~~director~~] administrator shall coordinate the  
7 activities of the agency with all county emergency management  
8 agencies, other state agencies, other states, or federal  
9 agencies involved in emergency management activities, and all  
10 organizations for emergency management within the State, whether  
11 public or private, and shall maintain liaison and cooperate with  
12 all county emergency management agencies, other state agencies,  
13 other states, or federal agencies involved in emergency  
14 management activities as provided in this chapter."

15           SECTION 2. Section 127A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by amending subsection (i) to read as follows:



1           "(i) Each county, under the mayor's direction, shall  
2 coordinate, develop, and implement [~~an~~] a comprehensive  
3 emergency [~~operation~~] management plan for the county[-] and  
4 submit annual reports to the administrator on the status and  
5 updates of the plan."

6           SECTION 3. Section 127A-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8           "**§127A-6 Emergency management reserve corps.** (a) The  
9 [~~director~~] administrator may establish an emergency management  
10 reserve corps comprising trained specialists to support state  
11 and county emergency [~~or~~], disaster, or day to day requirements.  
12 The emergency management reserve corps may include:

13           (1) Any employee of the State or county;  
14           (2) Any employee hired specifically for staffing during  
15 emergency, disaster, or day to day periods and  
16 exercises who shall be hired and compensated without  
17 regard to chapters 76, 78, and 88; and

18           (3) Any volunteer,  
19 who shall be detailed in accordance with this chapter.

20 Emergency management reserve corps positions shall be authorized



1 and managed by the agency and do not need the approval of the  
2 governor.

3 (b) The emergency management reserve corps shall support  
4 state emergency or disaster requirements and, if requested by a  
5 county emergency management agency, supplement the county  
6 emergency management agency staff. The emergency management  
7 reserve corps may be mobilized during, or in advance of,  
8 emergencies or disasters, or for emergency management [~~exercises~~  
9 ~~and training events.~~] day to day activities. Emergency  
10 management reserve corps members shall attend a minimum of [~~four~~  
11 ~~days~~] forty hours of paid [~~training~~] activities per year."

12 SECTION 4. Section 127A-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "**§127A-16, Major disaster fund.** (a) The director shall  
15 submit requests to the legislature to appropriate from the  
16 general revenues of the State sufficient moneys as may be  
17 necessary for expenditure by or under the direction of the  
18 governor for immediate relief in response to an emergency or  
19 disaster in any part of the State; provided that:

20 (1) The governor has issued a proclamation of a state of  
21 emergency;



1 (2) The governor may not expend in excess of [~~\$5,000,000~~]  
2 \$\_\_\_\_\_ for immediate relief as a result of any  
3 single emergency or disaster; and

4 (3) In addition to the funds in paragraph (2), an  
5 additional \$5,000,000 may be made available solely for  
6 the purpose of matching federal disaster relief funds  
7 when these funds become available to the State  
8 following a presidential disaster declaration.

9 In expending the moneys, the governor may allot any portion  
10 thereof to any agency, office, or employee of the State or a  
11 county for the most efficient relief for the population.

12 Notwithstanding this subsection, the only exception to  
13 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) is that the [~~director~~]  
14 administrator may use up to [~~\$100,000~~] \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year to  
15 support emergency management reserve corps [~~training~~].

16 (b) No later than [~~one month~~] sixty days after any  
17 allotment by the governor or the expenditure of any fund moneys,  
18 the [~~director~~] administrator shall report to the legislature on  
19 the purpose of the allotment or expenditure.

20 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), federal  
21 reimbursement moneys for disaster relief shall be deemed to be



1 trust moneys and may be deposited into a trust account with and  
2 under the control of the department of defense. These moneys  
3 and any interest earned thereon shall be used for the purpose  
4 identified in subsection (a) and shall not lapse to the general  
5 fund.

6 (d) In cases in which the department of education expends  
7 the funds appropriated to the department for purposes deemed to  
8 be reimbursable by federal reimbursement moneys for disaster  
9 relief, the federal reimbursement moneys shall not lapse to the  
10 general fund and shall be credited directly to the department of  
11 education without regard to whether the original appropriation  
12 has lapsed. Such funds shall carry over in accordance with  
13 section 37-41.5(c)."

14 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Emergency Management

**Description:**

To improve and enhance the effectiveness of the State Emergency Management Program through modifications and additions to the Hawaii Revised Statute Chapter 127A. (HB993 HD1)

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