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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2018, Hurricane  
2 Lane, a category three hurricane, almost hit Oahu. According to  
3 a subsequent Pacific Disaster Center study, if a category two  
4 hurricane hit Oahu, fifty-two thousand homes would be destroyed  
5 and \$27,000,000,000 in damages would be incurred. Further,  
6 according to a hurricane behavioral study published by the  
7 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Army Corps of Engineers,  
8 and Hawaii Emergency management Agency, many residents in the  
9 State have a false sense of security, leading to a lack of  
10 disaster preparedness, including a lack of emergency supplies or  
11 properly prepared homes. The study also stated that of its  
12 2,488 survey respondents, forty-three per cent recommended  
13 increasing communication, education, and outreach, and thirteen  
14 per cent recommended assisting in preparing homes for disasters.

15           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require and  
16 appropriate moneys to certain county and state agencies to hire  
17 full-time equivalent outreach, education, or volunteerism



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1 specialists to conduct disaster preparedness outreach and  
2 education initiatives.

3 SECTION 2. The civil defense agency of the county of  
4 Hawaii, department of emergency management of the city and  
5 county of Honolulu, emergency management agency of the county of  
6 Kauai, emergency management agency of the county of Maui, Hawaii  
7 emergency management agency, and university of Hawaii shall each  
8 hire one full-time equivalent outreach, education, or  
9 volunteerism specialist who shall conduct systematic disaster  
10 preparedness outreach and education initiatives by utilizing  
11 both traditional and non-traditional outreach and education  
12 strategies, including but not limited to the following:

- 13 (1) The use of:
- 14 (A) Voluntary and mandatory education;
  - 15 (B) Continuing education credits for professionals;
  - 16 (C) School curriculum to educate principals,  
17 teachers, students, and parents; and
  - 18 (D) Local, state, and federal partnerships to provide  
19 financial assistance programs to homeowners to  
20 retrofit their homes;



- 1           (2) Increasing the number of community emergency response
- 2           team volunteers;
- 3           (3) Creating additional Hawaii hazards awareness
- 4           resilience program communities;
- 5           (4) Increasing the use of mass media for public
- 6           communication, education, and outreach, including
- 7           television, radio, and newspapers; and
- 8           (5) Working with the legislature to effectively monitor
- 9           and implement communication, education, and outreach
- 10          efforts to cultivate a culture of preparedness in the
- 11          State.

12           SECTION 3. 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 2020-2021 as a

15 grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii to hire one full time

16 equivalent (1.0 FTE) outreach, education, or volunteerism

17 specialist within the civil defense agency of the county of

18 Hawaii pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

19           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of

20 Hawaii for the purpose of this Act.

1 SECTION 4. 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 2020-2021 as a  
4 grant-in-aid to the city and county of Honolulu to hire one full  
5 time equivalent (1.0 FTE) outreach, education, or volunteerism  
6 specialist within the department of emergency management of the  
7 city and county of Honolulu pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and  
9 county of Honolulu for the purpose of this Act.

10 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 as a  
13 grant-in-aid to the county of Kauai to hire one full time  
14 equivalent (1.0 FTE) outreach, education, or volunteerism  
15 specialist within the emergency management agency of the county  
16 of Kauai pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
18 Kauai for the purpose of this Act.

19 SECTION 6. 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 2020-2021 as a



1 grant-in-aid to the county of Maui to hire one full time  
2 equivalent (1.0 FTE) outreach, education, or volunteerism  
3 specialist within the emergency management agency of the county  
4 of Maui pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
6 Maui for the purpose of this Act.

7 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to hire  
10 one full time equivalent (1.0 FTE) outreach, education, or  
11 volunteerism specialist pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
13 emergency management agency for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to hire  
17 one full time equivalent (1.0 FTE) outreach, education, or  
18 volunteerism specialist with the university of Hawaii sea grant  
19 college program pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of  
21 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Requires the Civil Defense Agency of the County of Hawaii, Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu, Emergency Management Agency of the County of Kauai, Emergency Management Agency of the County of Maui, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and University of Hawaii to each hire one full-time equivalent outreach, education, or volunteerism specialist to conduct disaster preparedness outreach and education initiatives. Appropriates moneys.

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