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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE BUILDINGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§103- Emergency evacuation chairs; state buildings.

5 (a) The department of accounting and general services shall
6 purchase, distribute, and install, at minimum, one emergency
7 evacuation chair at or near one stairwell on each floor, except
8 the floor of exit discharge, of every state building having two
9 or more floors. Each emergency evacuation chair shall be
10 installed and stored in compliance with the state fire code.

11 For the purposes of this section:

12 "Emergency evacuation chair" means a folding chair designed
13 and produced to assist in the safe movement of a person with a
14 mobility limitation down or up stairs during an emergency.

15 "State building" means a building that is under the
16 management and control of any state department.



1 (b) Every emergency evacuation chair installed pursuant to
2 this section shall be capable of ascending and descending
3 stairs. Any contract awarded by the department of accounting
4 and general services for the procurement of any emergency
5 evacuation chair or other product necessary to carry out the
6 purposes of this section shall be in accordance with chapter
7 103D.

8 (c) The department of accounting and general services
9 shall:

- 10 (1) Maintain a current and accurate list of each emergency
11 evacuation chair in circulation, including the
12 installation location of each chair; and
13 (2) Perform an annual inspection of each emergency
14 evacuation chair to ensure safe placement and
15 function.

16 (d) The disability communication and access board, in
17 cooperation with the department of accounting and general
18 services, shall:

- 19 (1) Conduct annual training to explain the purpose and
20 appropriate safe use of emergency evacuation chairs
21 for relevant personnel from each state building in



1 which at least one emergency evacuation chair is
2 installed; and

3 (2) Produce informational material describing the purpose,
4 placement, and appropriate use of emergency evacuation
5 chairs for distribution to the occupants of each state
6 building in which an emergency evacuation chair is
7 installed pursuant to this section."

8 SECTION 2. No less than fifty per cent of the emergency
9 evacuation chairs required by this Act shall be installed by
10 June 30, 2023. One hundred per cent of the emergency evacuation
11 chairs required by this Act shall be installed by June 30, 2025.

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 to
15 implement the provisions of this Act, including the purchase of
16 emergency evacuation chairs for distribution to and installation
17 in every multi-story state public building.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
19 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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S.B. NO. 2080

Report Title:

DAGS; DCAB; State Buildings; Evacuation Emergency Chairs;
Persons with Disabilities; Mobility Impairment

Description:

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to purchase and install, at minimum, one emergency evacuation chair per floor, excluding the floor of exit discharge, in each state building having two or more floors. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to maintain a list of and perform yearly inspection on emergency evacuation chairs in state buildings. Requires the Disability Communication and Access Board to conduct annual training and produce written informational material regarding the appropriate use of emergency evacuation chairs. Provides a phase-in period for the installation of emergency evacuation chairs. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2020.

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