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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. (a) There is established within the department  
2 of accounting and general services the emergency evacuation  
3 chair pilot project, which shall equip state buildings under the  
4 jurisdiction of the department of accounting and general  
5 services that have two or more stories with emergency evacuation  
6 chairs.

7           (b) The department of accounting and general services  
8 shall purchase, distribute, and install, at minimum, one  
9 emergency evacuation chair at or near one stairwell on each  
10 floor, except the floor of exit discharge, of every state  
11 building having two or more floors unless the two story building  
12 has an exit to an outside ground level from a second floor.  
13 Each emergency evacuation chair shall be installed and stored in  
14 compliance with the state fire code.

15           (c) Every emergency evacuation chair installed pursuant to  
16 this Act shall be capable of ascending and descending stairs.  
17 Any contract awarded by the department of accounting and general



1 services for the procurement of any emergency evacuation chair  
2 or other product necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act  
3 shall be in accordance with chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised  
4 Statutes.

5 (d) The department of accounting and general services  
6 shall:

7 (1) Maintain a current and accurate list of each emergency  
8 evacuation chair in circulation, including the  
9 installation location of each chair; and

10 (2) Perform an annual inspection of each emergency  
11 evacuation chair to ensure safe placement and  
12 function.

13 (e) The disability communication and access board, in  
14 cooperation with the department of accounting and general  
15 services, shall:

16 (1) Conduct annual training to explain the purpose and  
17 appropriate safe use of emergency evacuation chairs  
18 for relevant personnel from each state building in  
19 which at least one emergency evacuation chair is  
20 installed; and



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

6 (f) No less than fifty per cent of the emergency  
7 evacuation chairs required by this Act shall be installed by  
8 June 30, 2022. One hundred per cent of the emergency evacuation  
9 chairs required by this Act shall be installed by June 30, 2024.

10 (g) For the purposes of this Act:

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

15 "State building" means a building that is under the  
16 management and control of the department of accounting and  
17 general services.

18 SECTION 2. The department of accounting and general  
19 services shall submit a report of its progress concerning the  
20 pilot project and installation of the emergency evacuation  
21 chairs established and provided by section 1 of this Act to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the regular session of 2022.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to  
6 implement the provisions of this Act, including the purchase of  
7 emergency evacuation chairs for distribution to and installation  
8 in every multi-story state building.

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Department of Accounting and General Services; Disability and Communication Access Board; State-owned Buildings; Evacuation Emergency Chairs; Pilot Project

**Description:**

Establishes a pilot project requiring the department of accounting and general services to purchase and install emergency evacuation chairs in state-owned buildings and facilities that are under the jurisdiction of the department of accounting and general services, under certain circumstances. Requires the department of accounting and general services to report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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