
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 to provide emergency evacuation chairs for
4 multi-story state buildings.

5 (b) The department of accounting and general services
6 shall purchase, install, and maintain at least one emergency
7 evacuation chair at or near one stairwell on each floor, except
8 floors with ground-level exits, of every multi-story state
9 building. Each emergency evacuation chair shall be installed
10 and stored in compliance with the state fire code.

11 (c) Every emergency evacuation chair installed pursuant to
12 this Act shall be capable of ascending and descending stairs.
13 Any contract awarded by the department of accounting and general
14 services for the procurement, installation, or maintenance of
15 any emergency evacuation chair or other product necessary to
16 carry out the purposes of this Act shall comply with chapter
17 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1 (d) The department of accounting and general services
2 shall:

- 3 (1) Maintain a current and accurate list of every
4 emergency evacuation chair installed in state
5 buildings, including the location of each chair; and
6 (2) Perform annual inspections of all emergency evacuation
7 chairs to ensure safe placement and function.

8 (e) The disability and communication access board, in
9 cooperation with the department of accounting and general
10 services, shall:

- 11 (1) Conduct annual training for relevant personnel from
12 each state building in which at least one emergency
13 evacuation chair is installed to explain the purpose
14 and safe use of emergency evacuation chairs; and
15 (2) Produce informational material for distribution to the
16 occupants of each state building in which an emergency
17 evacuation chair is installed describing the purpose,
18 placement, and safe use of emergency evacuation
19 chairs.

20 (f) No fewer than fifty per cent of the emergency
21 evacuation chairs required by this Act shall be installed by



1 June 30, 2022. One hundred per cent of the emergency evacuation
2 chairs required by this Act shall be installed by June 30, 2024.

3 (g) For the purposes of this Act:

4 "Emergency evacuation chair" means a folding chair designed
5 to assist a person with a mobility limitation in safely
6 descending or ascending stairs during an emergency.

7 "State building" means a building that is under the
8 jurisdiction of the department of accounting and general
9 services.

10 SECTION 2. No later than twenty days prior to the
11 convening of the regular session of 2022, the department of
12 accounting and general services shall submit a report to the
13 legislature of its progress concerning the pilot project and the
14 installation of the emergency evacuation chairs required by
15 section 1 of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to
19 implement the provisions of this Act, including the purchase,
20 installation, and maintenance of emergency evacuation chairs in
21 all multi-story state buildings.



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

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

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

Description:

Establishes a pilot project to purchase, install, and maintain
emergency evacuation chairs in multi-story state buildings.
Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.
Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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