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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. The legislature finds that disaster recovery is  
2 a complex and long-term process that involves a range of  
3 activities, including short-term restoration of essential  
4 community functions and long-term resilient rebuilding, and many  
5 participants. Recovery begins shortly after the disaster occurs  
6 and can continue for many years. Recovery also incorporates  
7 hazard mitigation as restoration and rebuilding take place.

8           State, public, and private organizations share in providing  
9 for the public's health and safety. It is essential that the  
10 response, recovery, and mitigation activities of all parties be  
11 fully aligned.

12           The purpose of this Act is to enhance the capacity of the  
13 government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover from  
14 the impacts of disasters and build resilience and sustainability  
15 by establishing the long-term recovery authority to work with  
16 the state disaster recovery coordinator, whose position was  
17 funded through Act 113, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§127A- Long-term recovery authority; general  
5 functions, duties, and powers. (a) There is established the  
6 long-term recovery authority under the Hawaii emergency  
7 management agency to:

- 8 (1) Recommend policy decisions and set strategic direction  
9 for resilient recovery planning;
- 10 (2) Recommend legislation that furthers recovery goals;
- 11 (3) Approve administrative decisions of the state disaster  
12 recovery coordinator; and
- 13 (4) Facilitate the identification, coordination, and  
14 delivery of recovery assistance efforts to supplement  
15 resources and efforts by local governments and  
16 citizens.
- 17 (b) The long-term recovery authority shall be flexible in  
18 size and composition to meet the requirements of the applicable  
19 situation and integrate personnel from all relevant entities.
- 20 (c) The long-term recovery authority shall be convened by  
21 the state disaster recovery coordinator.



1        (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the long-term recovery  
2 authority shall include the following members:

3        (1) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's  
4 designee;

5        (2) The administrator of the Hawaii emergency management  
6 agency or the administrator's designee;

7        (3) The director of finance or the director's designee;

8        (4) The county mayors or their designees;

9        (5) The directors of state departments or agencies that  
10 have been designated as the primary department or  
11 agency responsible for recovery support functions or  
12 the directors' designees; and

13        (6) The state coordinating officer for active disasters or  
14 the officer's designee.

15        (e) In addition to the members listed in subsection (d),  
16 the state disaster recovery coordinator may request  
17 participation or input from members of the public, experts in  
18 the field, other government officials, and others as necessary.

19        (f) At the discretion of the state disaster recovery  
20 coordinator, non-state government entity members of the long-  
21 term recovery authority may be reimbursed for the member's



1 actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses,  
2 incurred in carrying out the member's duties.

3 (g) The long-term recovery authority shall not be subject  
4 to the requirements of part I of chapter 92.

5 §127A- State disaster recovery coordinator; general  
6 functions, duties, and powers. The state disaster recovery  
7 coordinator shall:

8 (1) Report to the governor;

9 (2) Support and convene the long-term recovery authority;

10 (3) Establish and maintain recovery priorities and  
11 strategies on behalf of the governor;

12 (4) Convene and provide executive level coordination for  
13 local, state, and federal agencies working on disaster  
14 recovery programs and budgets;

15 (5) Facilitate the collaboration of disaster recovery  
16 efforts between the local, state, and federal  
17 governments; the private sector; and voluntary, faith-  
18 based, and community organizations;

19 (6) Serve as a point of contact between the State and  
20 applicable federal agencies and officers, including  
21 the supervising federal recovery officer;



- 1        (7) Develop a budget and operating procedures to fulfill
- 2            the duties of and administer the long-term recovery
- 3            authority; and
- 4        (8) Review recovery plans, policies, and decisions as
- 5            required by this section and submit a report to the
- 6            governor, legislature, and counties no later than
- 7            twenty days prior to the convening of each regular
- 8            session."

9            SECTION 3. Section 127A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
11 and to read as follows:

12            "Recovery support functions" means the six key functional  
13 areas of assistance in a coordinated framework for disaster  
14 recovery as established by the National Disaster Recovery  
15 Framework Guide implemented by the Federal Emergency Management  
16 Agency. "Recovery support functions" includes recovery  
17 assistance for community planning and capacity building, the  
18 economy, health and social services, housing, infrastructure  
19 systems, and natural and cultural resources."

20            SECTION 4. The office of the governor shall establish two  
21 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions, without regard to



1 chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to support the  
2 state disaster recovery coordinator and support and provide  
3 planning for the long-term recovery authority to carry out the  
4 purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to fund  
8 the two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions authorized in  
9 section 4 and provide an operating budget for state disaster  
10 recovery coordination activities within the office of the  
11 governor.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
13 governor for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Emergency Management; Long-Term Recovery Authority; State  
Disaster Recovery Coordinator; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a long-term recovery authority to work with the  
state disaster recovery coordinator to enhance the capacity of  
the government, relevant agencies, and the community to recover  
from the impacts of disasters and build resilience and  
sustainability in the State. Appropriates moneys. Effective  
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