
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. The purpose of this Act is to enhance the
12 capacity of the government, relevant agencies, and the community
13 to recover from the impacts of disasters and build resilience
14 and sustainability by establishing the long-term recovery
15 authority to work with the state disaster recovery coordinator,
16 whose position was funded through Act 113, Session Laws of
17 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 functions,
5 duties, and powers. (a) There is established the long-term
6 recovery authority under the Hawaii emergency management agency
7 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) The long-term recovery authority shall include the
2 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; and

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;

13 provided that the state coordinating officer for active
14 disasters, or the officer's designee, shall be invited to serve
15 as a member of the long-term recovery authority.

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

20 (f) At the discretion of the state disaster recovery
21 coordinator, non-state government entity members of the long-



1 term recovery authority may be reimbursed for the member's
2 actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses,
3 incurred in carrying out the member's duties.

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

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

- 9 (1) Report to the governor;
- 10 (2) Support and convene the long-term recovery authority;
- 11 (3) Establish and maintain recovery priorities and
12 strategies on behalf of the governor;
- 13 (4) Convene and provide executive level coordination for
14 local, state, and federal agencies working on disaster
15 recovery programs and budgets;
- 16 (5) Facilitate the collaboration of disaster recovery
17 efforts between the local, state, and federal
18 governments; the private sector; and voluntary, faith-
19 based, and community organizations;



- 1 (6) Serve as a point of contact between the State and
- 2 applicable federal agencies and officers, including
- 3 the supervising federal recovery officer;
- 4 (7) Develop a budget and operating procedures to fulfill
- 5 the duties of and administer the long-term recovery
- 6 authority; and
- 7 (8) Review recovery plans, policies, and decisions as
- 8 required by this section and submit a report to the
- 9 governor, legislature, and counties no later than
- 10 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular
- 11 session."

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

15 "Recovery support functions" means the six key functional
 16 areas of assistance in a coordinated framework for disaster
 17 recovery as established by the National Disaster Recovery
 18 Framework Guide implemented by the Federal Emergency Management
 19 Agency. "Recovery support functions" includes recovery
 20 assistance for community planning and capacity building, the



1 economy, health and social services, housing, infrastructure
2 systems, and natural and cultural resources."

3 SECTION 4. The office of the governor shall establish two
4 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions, without regard to
5 chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to support the
6 state disaster recovery coordinator and support and provide
7 planning for the long-term recovery authority to carry out the
8 purposes of this Act.

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

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

18 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

19 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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