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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITY PROBLEM-SOLVING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii community
2 appears ready to collaborate on efforts to build social
3 infrastructures capable of sustaining shared solutions to
4 community problems. After decades of conducting hundreds of
5 effective one-off projects to tackle pressing community issues,
6 Hawaii leaders appear ready to build permanent social structures
7 and institutional relationships that provide collective strength
8 and capacity to solve the State's perennial problems.

9 The legislature seeks to encourage and participate in
10 statewide community efforts that slowly and deliberately build
11 new and lasting civic relationships of trust and collaboration.
12 Current efforts, including the Hawaii Community Foundation's
13 CHANGE Program, have built a valuable common dataset that
14 enables shared visions and goals, at least among some top
15 business, philanthropy, and government leaders in the State.

16 Going forward, the challenge is to engage residents with
17 direct experience in the problems that the CHANGE Program seeks



1 to address. The legislature believes that lasting change
2 happens when people learn to understand each other over time,
3 especially those from different backgrounds and organizational
4 cultures, and when every resident is invited and welcome to
5 participate.

6 In this Act, the legislature intends to release selected
7 state resources, under certain conditions, to join a civic
8 collaborative to build social infrastructure for sustainable
9 solutions to community problems. The civic collaborative would
10 operate a cross-sector platform to connect individuals, groups,
11 and projects with Hawaii's story of community advancement toward
12 collective goals, including the CHANGE Program. The civic
13 collaborative may also facilitate small, achievable projects
14 open to all community members ready for collective action,
15 including neighborhood disaster resiliency teams.

16 The release of state resources cited in this Act is for the
17 State's participation in one or more civic collaboratives, which
18 are self-organized, trusted groups of residents from all sectors
19 of the community. The purpose of a civic collaborative is to
20 call on each resident to join in building lasting civic
21 structures that empower collective actions to solve shared



1 problems. Civic collaboratives are safe spaces for all
2 residents to participate in efforts to improve the quality of
3 life in the State and advance toward statewide community goals
4 and aspirations using common knowledge and datasets, shared
5 tools, and online platforms to connect participants with each
6 other.

7 The legislature finds that the State's participation in a
8 civic collaborative could involve representatives of the office
9 of the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and
10 president of the senate; representatives of the community
11 foundation and association of nonprofit organizations; and
12 representatives of communities that feel excluded from civic
13 life in Hawaii.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to enable the State
15 to participate with civic sector leaders and residents in
16 building social infrastructure for sustaining shared solutions
17 to community problems by:

18 (1) Authorizing certain state grant recipients to redirect
19 the recipient's regular programming during governor-
20 declared states of emergency to conduct civilian



1 disaster responses pursuant to authorized plans of the
2 Hawaii emergency management agency;

3 (2) Authorizing the governor to release qualified state
4 workers to serve in community-based disaster relief
5 networks during governor-declared states of emergency;

6 (3) Appropriating funds to the department of business,
7 economic development, and tourism for training
8 workshops and resources to support the State's
9 participation in a civic collaborative that includes
10 state grant-in-aid grantees, community foundation
11 grantees, state nonprofit association members, United
12 States census outreach participants, and under-
13 represented communities; and

14 (4) Appropriating funds to the department of defense to
15 train participants in community-based disaster relief
16 networks pursuant to authorized plans of the Hawaii
17 emergency management agency.

18 SECTION 2. Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
20 and to read as follows:



1 "§42F- Contract provisions for governor-declared states
2 of emergency. A recipient may request, from the expending
3 agency of the allocation for the recipient's grant, amendments
4 to grant contracts for the release of a contractor's employees
5 during any state of emergency declared by the governor pursuant
6 to section 127A-14. A department director may approve these
7 contract amendments for deployment of recipient employees to
8 conduct civilian disaster responses pursuant to authorized plans
9 of the Hawaii emergency management agency; provided that the
10 contract amount shall not be increased and contract amendments
11 shall be made pursuant to written criteria issued by the
12 governor as an executive order. Within sixty days after
13 termination of a state of emergency, the governor shall submit a
14 public report on utilization of recipient employees to the
15 legislature."

16 SECTION 3. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
18 and to read as follows:

19 "§127A- Release of state employees during states of
20 emergency. Upon the issuance of an emergency proclamation by
21 the governor, the governor may release designated employees to



1 join a state civilian corps to support community-based disaster
2 relief teams in the employees' neighborhoods. The governor may
3 require all departments, at the discretion of each director, to
4 designate employees who may participate in community-based
5 disaster relief teams. Within sixty days after termination of a
6 state of emergency, the governor shall submit a public report on
7 utilization of employees to the legislature."

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
11 following:

- 12 (1) Program ID BED 142 to support the State's
13 participation in building a social infrastructure for
14 community problem solving; and
15 (2) Training workshops and resources to support the
16 State's participation in a civic collaborative that
17 includes state grant grantees, community foundation
18 grantees, state nonprofit association members, and
19 United States census outreach participants.



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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
3 this Act.

4 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to train
7 participants in community-based disaster relief networks
8 pursuant to authorized plans of the Hawaii emergency management
9 agency.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
11 defense for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
Department of Defense; HEMA; Grants-in-Aid Recipients; State
Employees; States of Emergency; Disaster Response; Community-
Based Disaster Relief Networks; Civic Collaboratives;
Appropriations

Description:

Authorizes certain state grant-in-aid recipients to request certain amendments to grants-in-aid contracts during governor-declared states of emergency. Authorizes the governor to release qualified state workers to serve in community-based disaster relief networks during and in anticipation of governor-declared states of emergency. Appropriates moneys.

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