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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CIVIL AIR PATROL.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for over seventy-  
2 five years the civil air patrol has assisted emergency  
3 management agencies throughout the nation with response and  
4 recovery efforts during and after a disaster. The civil air  
5 patrol is a non-profit organization and an auxiliary of the  
6 United States Air Force and its missions include emergency  
7 services, aerospace education, and cadet programs. Civil air  
8 patrol members are volunteers who serve as pilots, scanners, and  
9 ground crew in fulfilling its mission.

10       The legislature further finds that the civil air patrol  
11 emergency response and recovery activities have included search  
12 and rescue, damage assessments, aerial photography of impacted  
13 areas, alerts and notifications, and transportation of supplies.  
14 Most recently, the civil air patrol conducted aerial  
15 reconnaissance of the State after the severe weather incident in  
16 December of 2021. The photographs were instrumental in  
17 documenting the damage to roadways on the island of Maui and



1 were included in the State's application for a federal disaster  
2 declaration. Similar missions were conducted on the island of  
3 Hawaii during the Kilauea volcanic eruptions, and on Kauai  
4 during the recent flood events. In situations where the State  
5 is threatened by a tsunami, the civil air patrol has been called  
6 upon to alert remote areas not serviced by outdoor alert system  
7 speakers by using speakers mounted to civil air patrol aircraft.

8 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii wing of the  
9 civil air patrol has conducted these activities through funding  
10 of operational expenses from the State for years. However, that  
11 funding ceased in 2019.

12 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds  
13 to support the operational expenses of the Hawaii wing of the  
14 civil air patrol.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to fund  
18 the operational expenses of the Hawaii wing of the civil air  
19 patrol.

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



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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# S.B. NO. 3335

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Department of Defense; Civil Air Patrol; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for operational expenses of the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

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