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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL.

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

1           SECTION 1. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
2 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
4 appropriations contained in H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1,  
5 C.D. 1, and this Act will cause the state general fund  
6 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by  
7 \$1,063,917,367 or 11.0 per cent. This current declaration takes  
8 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
9 year 2023-2024 in H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, and this  
10 Act only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund  
11 expenditure ceiling are that:

12           (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
13           serve the public interest; and

14           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
15           addressed by this Act.

16           SECTION 2. The legislature finds that for more than  
17 seventy-five years, the civil air patrol has assisted emergency  
18 management agencies throughout the nation with response and



1 recovery efforts during and after a disaster. The civil air  
2 patrol is a non-profit organization and an auxiliary of the  
3 United States Air Force, and its missions include emergency  
4 services, aerospace education, and cadet programs. Civil air  
5 patrol members are volunteers who serve as pilots, scanners, and  
6 ground crew to fulfill its mission.

7 The legislature further finds that the civil air patrol  
8 emergency response and recovery activities have included search  
9 and rescue efforts, damage assessments, aerial photography of  
10 impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and the transportation  
11 of supplies. Most recently, the civil air patrol conducted  
12 aerial reconnaissance of the State after the severe weather  
13 incident in December 2021. The photographs were instrumental in  
14 documenting the damage to roadways on the island of Maui and  
15 were included in the State's application for a federal disaster  
16 declaration. Similar missions were conducted on the island of  
17 Hawaii during the Kilauea volcanic eruptions and on the island  
18 of Kauai during the recent flood events. In situations where  
19 the State has been threatened by a tsunami, the civil air patrol  
20 was called upon to alert remote areas by using speakers mounted



1 to civil air patrol aircraft in areas not serviced by outdoor  
2 alert system speakers.

3 The legislature also finds that the Hawaii wing of the  
4 civil air patrol conducted these activities for years with state  
5 funding for operational expenses. However, that funding ceased  
6 in 2019.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
8 funds for civilian auxiliary aviation operations of the type  
9 performed by the civil air patrol.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for  
13 civilian auxiliary aviation services, which may include search  
14 and rescue, damage assessments, aerial photography of impacted  
15 areas, alerts and notifications, and transportation of supplies.

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

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Department of Defense; Civil Air Patrol; Civilian Auxiliary Aviation Services; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for civilian auxiliary aviation services of the type performed by the civil air patrol. (CD1)

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