
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL AIR PATROL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that for more than
2 seventy-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 to fulfill its mission.

10 The legislature further finds that the civil air patrol
11 emergency response and recovery activities have included search
12 and rescue efforts, damage assessments, aerial photography of
13 impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and the transportation
14 of supplies. Most recently, the civil air patrol conducted
15 aerial reconnaissance of the State after the severe weather
16 incident in December 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 the island
 4 of Kauai during the recent flood events. In situations where
 5 the State has been threatened by a tsunami, the civil air patrol
 6 was called upon to alert remote areas by using speakers mounted
 7 to civil air patrol aircraft in areas not serviced by outdoor
 8 alert system speakers.

9 The legislature also finds that the Hawaii wing of the
 10 civil air patrol conducted these activities for years with state
 11 funding for operational expenses. However, that funding ceased
 12 in 2019.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
 14 funds for civilian auxiliary aviation operations of the type
 15 performed by the civil air patrol.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
 19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 20 2024-2025 for civilian auxiliary aviation services, which may
 21 include search and rescue, damage assessments, aerial



1 photography of impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and
2 transportation of supplies.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of defense for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

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

Description:

Appropriates funds for civilian auxiliary aviation services of the type performed by the civil air patrol. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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