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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2019, program  
2 requirements for the Emergency Managing Performance Grant were  
3 updated to require that a recipient's emergency operations plan  
4 include a distribution management plan. As the primary state  
5 agency responsible for emergency management, the Hawaii  
6 emergency management agency annually maintains the Hawaii State  
7 Distribution Management Plan, with the objective to establish  
8 and maintain an emergency distribution network to provide  
9 critical supplies to counties. Under the current plan, various  
10 forecast advisories and conditions for natural and human-caused  
11 occurrences are utilized as the primary means for indications  
12 and warnings to begin plan implementation. However, noticeably  
13 absent from the list of incident types is wildfires. The  
14 legislature believes that in the aftermath of the Maui wildfires  
15 and the overall rise in disasters occurring throughout the State  
16 in recent years, consideration should be given to updating this



1 list to include all types of foreseeable disasters that could  
2 impact the State.

3 The legislature further finds that the Lahaina wildfire and  
4 its devastating impact on the community underscore the critical  
5 need for an effective and efficient statewide distribution  
6 management plan. While existing frameworks have served their  
7 purpose to some extent, the recent Maui wildfires have certainly  
8 demonstrated a need to shore up gaps in distribution management  
9 and assess areas for improvement, such as language access and  
10 animal welfare. The effectiveness of the State's disaster  
11 relief efforts hinges on a robust, transparent, and accountable  
12 distribution management plan that is continuously being reviewed  
13 by pertinent stakeholders.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the  
15 distribution management advisory board to develop and advise on  
16 the statewide distribution management plan.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
19 and to read as follows:

20 "§127A- Distribution management advisory board;  
21 established. (a) There is established the distribution



1 management advisory board within the agency for administrative  
2 purposes. The advisory board shall be subject to chapter 92.

3 (b) The advisory board shall serve in an advisory capacity  
4 to the agency. In this role, the board shall:

5 (1) Develop, review, and propose amendments to the  
6 statewide distribution management plan;

7 (2) Advise on resource allocation; and

8 (3) Submit findings and recommendations to the  
9 legislature, as applicable, at least twenty days prior  
10 to the convening of the regular session of 2025  
11 immediately following the advisory board's review of  
12 the statewide distribution management plan and every  
13 four years thereafter.

14 (c) The distribution management advisory board shall  
15 consist of nine members to be appointed without regard to  
16 section 26-34 as follows:

17 (1) The administrator, who shall serve as the chairperson;

18 (2) The director of health;

19 (3) One member appointed by the governor;

20 (4) One member representing a nonprofit organization, to  
21 be appointed by the president of the senate;



1       (5) One member representing a public business, to be  
2       appointed by the speaker of the house of  
3       representatives; and

4       (6) The administrator or director of each county emergency  
5       management agency for the city and county of Honolulu  
6       and the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.

7       (d) Nongovernmental members appointed to the advisory  
8       board pursuant to subsection (c)(3), (4), and (5) shall serve  
9       for a term of four years. Members shall serve without  
10       compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses, including  
11       travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties.

12       (e) The advisory board shall not adopt any decision that  
13       would jeopardize the receipt of any form of federal funding or  
14       engage in any activity that could jeopardize the receipt of  
15       federal aid or assistance."

16       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Food, Water, and Other Supplies Working Group; Distribution Management Advisory Board; Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Statewide Distribution Management Plan

**Description:**

Establishes the distribution management advisory board to develop and advise on the statewide distribution management plan. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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