

ACT 4

A Bill for an Act to Amend Chapter 359 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended, Relating to the Civil Defense and Emergency Act.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of facts constituting such urgency:

Civil defense is a matter of grave concern for us in Hawaii. Due to the strategic importance of Hawaii as a defense area, the unsettled condition of the world today, the dependence of the State upon seaborne commerce for food supplies and other commodities essential to the public health, safety, welfare and economic life of its people, and the constant possibility of disaster or emergencies of great destructiveness resulting from enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action, it is urgent and important that adequate preparations be made in all areas of civil defense for any possible contingency.

At the present time, no line of succession for the governing officials of a county is provided in the event of an emergency. It is imperative and urgent that such a line of succession be provided to carry on the functions of government during the period of a civil defense emergency. Therefore, this Act is considered an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest.

SECTION 2. Section 359-13 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding subsection (i) after subsection (h) to read as follows:

“(i) Continuity of government. To insure continuity of government during a civil defense emergency period, the legislative body of a county may by ordinance, unless otherwise provided by law, provide for the procedure for the appointment and designation of stand-by officers for the legislative body and the elected chief executive of such county for

such emergency period, who shall serve in the event of the unavailability of the officers for whom they stand by.”

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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