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S.B. NO. 2214

A Bill for an Act Relating to Disaster Preparedness.

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

**PART I
MAJOR DISASTER FUND**

SECTION 1. Section 127-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§127-11 Major disaster fund. The director shall submit requests to the legislature to appropriate from the general revenues of the State sufficient moneys as

may be necessary for expenditure by or under the direction of the governor for immediate relief in the event of the occurrence of any major disaster in any part of the State; provided that:

- (1) The governor may not expend in excess of [~~\$1,000,000~~] \$2,000,000 for immediate relief of any single major disaster[~~;~~ ~~and~~] or emergency; and
- (2) [~~Provided further that in~~] In addition to the funds in paragraph (1), an additional [~~\$1,000,000~~] \$2,000,000 shall be available solely for the purpose of matching federal disaster relief funds when these funds become available following a presidential disaster declaration.

In expending the moneys, the governor may allot any portion thereof to any agency, office, or employee, federal, state, or county, for the more speedy and efficient relief of the conditions created by the disasters. The governor may determine whether a major disaster contemplated by this section has occurred[~~, and any determination shall be conclusive~~].'

PART II

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of interest derived from the hurricane reserve trust fund the sum of \$4,500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for disaster preparedness, as follows:

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| (1) Purchasing or improving early warning systems | \$1,000,000 |
| (2) Public education programs on disaster preparedness | \$ 250,000 |
| (3) Loss mitigation or reduction efforts or programs, including but not limited to deposits to the loss mitigation grant fund under section 431:22-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes | \$2,000,000 |
| (4) Updating tsunami inundation and evacuation maps in phone books | \$ 250,000 |
| (5) Establishing and maintaining an emergency supply cache to provide immediate relief in the case of a disaster or emergency | \$1,000,000 |

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of defense for the purposes of this Act; provided that the appropriation for the loss mitigation or reduction efforts or programs, including but not limited to, deposits to the loss mitigation grant fund under section 431:22-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be expended by the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for providing around-the-clock alert staff for the civil defense division of the department of defense, including salaries and overtime costs.

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

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, as grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the American Red Cross to allow it to assist residents of the State in times of disaster.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

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year 2006-2007, as grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Queen's Medical Center for an emergency backup electrical system.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 6. All appropriations made under this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2008, shall lapse as of that date.

PART III

SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

(Approved May 22, 2006.)