

Finally, the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) makes reference to a "Mayor" in the following Chapters: 11, 12, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 58, 76, 78, 87A, 88, 89, 89C, 91, 96, 103D, 105, 107, 125C, 127A, 128A, 128E, 138, 171, 174C, 201M, 202, 226, 246, 264, 269E, 281, 286, 290, 302L, 342G, 343, 346, 353, 367, 440G, 487N, 501, 707, and 708. These statutes grant the Mayor the authority to, among other things, negotiate development agreements; declare emergencies and suspend laws in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophe; organize, administer and operate the County's emergency management agency; and represent the County in negotiating union contracts. While some of these statutes provide specific provisions for a Mayor to delegate the authority to others, other statutes do not. Given the numerous statutory references, it appears that at a minimum, any manager system must include a Mayor in its organizational framework.

V. Conclusion

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