
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The global warming task force is
2 established within the department of health for administrative
3 purposes only to:
- 4 (1) Assess the current and potential impacts of climate
5 warming trends on the citizens, natural resources, and
6 the economy of the State, including impacts on:
- 7 (A) The visitor industry;
8 (B) Intrastate and interstate air and sea
9 transportation of cargo and persons;
10 (C) Existing buildings and public utilities
11 infrastructure;
12 (D) Population health; and
13 (E) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems;
- 14 (2) Assess the potential impacts of rising ocean levels as
15 a result of climate change on the citizens, natural
16 resources, and the economy of the State, including
17 impacts on:



- 1 (A) The visitor industry;
- 2 (B) Shoreline erosion;
- 3 (C) Intrastate and interstate air and sea
- 4 transportation of cargo and persons;
- 5 (D) Existing buildings and public utilities
- 6 infrastructure;
- 7 (E) Population health; and
- 8 (F) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems;
- 9 (3) Estimate the costs to the State and its citizens of
- 10 adverse effects associated with climate warming and
- 11 rising sea levels; and
- 12 (4) Make recommendations to the legislature and the
- 13 governor on measures that would address or mitigate
- 14 the near and long term effects of climate change,
- 15 including:
 - 16 (A) Preventing shoreline erosion;
 - 17 (B) Preserving the visitor industry;
 - 18 (C) Relocating transportation infrastructure such as
 - 19 airports and shipping terminals;
 - 20 (D) Implementing restrictions on construction in
 - 21 affected areas;
 - 22 (E) Improving or hardening utilities infrastructure;



- 1 (F) Preparing for health emergencies; and
- 2 (G) Maintaining the health and resilience of native
- 3 species and ecosystems.

4 (b) The global warming task force shall consist of
5 twenty-nine members, as follows:

- 6 (1) The governor or governor's designee;
- 7 (2) Two members of the house of representatives, to be
- 8 appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 9 representatives;
- 10 (3) Two members of the senate, to be appointed by the
- 11 president of the senate;
- 12 (4) The directors or their designees of the following
- 13 state entities:
 - 14 (A) Department of health;
 - 15 (B) Department of business, economic development, and
 - 16 tourism;
 - 17 (C) Department of transportation;
 - 18 (D) Department of agriculture; and
 - 19 (E) Department of land and natural resources;
- 20 (5) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's
- 21 designee;



- 1 (6) The chairperson of the public utilities commission or
2 the chairperson's designee;
- 3 (7) One member from each county to be appointed by the
4 mayor of that county;
- 5 (8) One member from the University of Hawaii with
6 expertise in geophysics or climatology, appointed by
7 the governor;
- 8 (9) One member from the University of Hawaii with
9 expertise in environmental engineering, appointed by
10 the governor;
- 11 (10) One member from the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
- 12 (11) One member from the Waikiki Improvement Association;
- 13 (12) One member from each branch of the United States armed
14 services and the Coast Guard;
- 15 (13) One member from the United States Army Corps of
16 Engineers; and
- 17 (14) Three members selected to represent the interests of
18 affected ocean user groups such as watermen,
19 fishermen, and surfers, to be appointed by the
20 governor.

21 Members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
22 be reimbursed for expenses necessary for the performance of



1 their duties, and be exempt from the requirements of section
2 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 (c) The task force shall:

4 (1) Select a chairperson, collect information, research
5 reports and expert opinion, and conduct hearings
6 throughout the State to fulfill the purpose of this
7 Act;

8 (2) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
9 recommendations, including proposed legislation, if
10 any, to the legislature no later than twenty days
11 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009;
12 and

13 (3) Submit a final report of its findings and
14 recommendations, including proposed legislation, if
15 any, to the legislature no later than twenty days
16 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010.

17 (d) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2010.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
21 carry out the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
2 department of health.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Global Warming Task Force; Climate Change

Description:

Establishes the global warming task force to assess the impacts of climate warming trends on the State. (SD1)

