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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. In response to the recent increase in emissions  
2 from Kilauea's newest vent at Halema'uma'u crater, a House  
3 Special Committee on Vog Effects (Committee) was created to  
4 bring together experts to examine the effects of vog on the  
5 people of the State of Hawaii. The Committee held a series of  
6 fact-finding meetings focusing on health and public safety,  
7 agriculture, and economic impacts and tourism.

8           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
9 labor and industrial relations to develop rules for workers'  
10 compensation claims related to exposure to vog.

11           SECTION 2. The department of labor and industrial  
12 relations shall develop and implement rules governing workers'  
13 compensation claims that are filed for vog-related medical  
14 conditions. The rules shall include, at a minimum, medical  
15 conditions for which claims may be filed, a process for filing  
16 these claims, and conditions under which claims may be denied.

17 In developing these rules, the department of labor and  
18 industrial relations shall consult with the department of





**Report Title:**

Workers' Compensation; Vog

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to develop rules for workers' compensation claims involving vog-related medical conditions.

