

1 "Vog" means the substance created when sulfur dioxide and
2 other volcanic gases combine and interact chemically in the
3 atmosphere with oxygen, moisture, dust, and sunlight over
4 periods of minutes to days to form a visible haze consisting of
5 gas plus a suspended mixture of tiny liquid and solid particles.

6 **§ -2 Office of the director of disaster preparedness**
7 **established.** There is established in the department of
8 transportation the office of the director of disaster
9 preparedness. The director shall be nominated and, by and with
10 the advice and consent of the senate, appointed by the governor.
11 The director shall serve for a period of six years and
12 thereafter until a successor is appointed. The salary of the
13 director shall be set at a rate no greater than \$ a
14 year and shall not be diminished during the director's term of
15 office unless by general law applying to all salaried officers
16 of the State. If the director dies, resigns, becomes ineligible
17 to serve, or is removed or suspended from office, the first
18 assistant to the director shall become the acting director until
19 a new director is appointed for a full term.

20 **§ -3 Duties of the director.** (a) The director shall
21 develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan for the State



1 of Hawaii. The disaster preparedness plan shall include but not
2 be limited to:

- 3 (1) The identification of natural hazards;
- 4 (2) The designation of natural hazard impact zones;
- 5 (3) Priorities for natural hazard mitigation;
- 6 (4) Policies, requirements, and incentives to mitigate the
7 problems caused by natural hazards, to be incorporated
8 into rules such as county building codes, land use
9 policies, and retrofitting incentives such as tax
10 credits; and
- 11 (5) Plans for best responses to disasters to minimize
12 costs and protect the interests of Hawaii's residents
13 and their possessions and pets, and visitors to the
14 state, including plans ensuring the reliability of
15 communication networks and power supplies for major
16 state airports, health care facilities, disaster
17 shelters, and other essential services.

18 (b) The director shall report annually to the governor and
19 the legislature no later than twenty days before the convening
20 of each regular session of the legislature on the status of the
21 disaster preparedness plan and shall include any necessary
22 proposed legislation.



1 **§ -3 Disaster preparedness commission established;**
2 **selection of advisory committees.** (a) There is established a
3 disaster preparedness commission within the department of
4 transportation for administrative purposes only. The commission
5 shall consist of eight members as follows:

- 6 (1) One member appointed by the governor;
- 7 (2) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives;
- 9 (3) One member appointed by the president of the senate;
- 10 and
- 11 (4) Four members appointed by the mayors of the counties
12 of Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, each of whom
13 shall appoint one member.

14 The commission shall select one of its members to serve as
15 chairperson. No member of the commission shall receive any
16 compensation for commission services; provided that members
17 shall be allowed necessary expenses, including travel expenses,
18 incurred in the performance of their official duties. The
19 members of the commission shall be appointed pursuant to section
20 26-34 except as provided in this chapter.

21 (b) The commission shall advise and assist the director in
22 developing a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan for the



Report Title:

Disaster Preparedness Plan; Natural Disasters

Description:

Establishes the Office of the Director of Disaster Preparedness and a Disaster Preparedness Commission to develop a disaster preparedness plan for Hawaii that includes the identification of hazards and hazard impact zones, disaster mitigation policies, requirements, and incentives, and best responses. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/09.

