



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 a  
4 period of time to form a visible haze consisting of gas and a  
5 suspended mixture of tiny liquid and solid particles.

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

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

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

16 (b) The director shall report annually to the governor and

17 the legislature no later than twenty days before the convening

18 of each regular session of the legislature on the status of the

19 disaster preparedness plan and shall include any necessary

20 proposed legislation.

21 **§ -4 Disaster preparedness commission established;**

22 **selection of advisory committees.** (a) There is established a

1 disaster preparedness commission within the department of  
2 for administrative purposes only. The commission  
3 shall consist of seven members as follows:

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

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

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

1 State of Hawaii. The commission's duties in this regard shall  
2 include but not be limited to:

- 3 (1) Gathering information about disasters that have  
4 occurred in the past; and
- 5 (2) Establishing advisory committees to provide technical  
6 and other support to the director."

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and  
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
11 year 2010-2011 for the office of the director of disaster  
12 preparedness and the disaster preparedness commission, including  
13 the hiring of necessary staff.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
15 of for the purposes of this Act.

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

**Report Title:**

Disaster Preparedness Plan; Natural Disasters

**Description:**

Establishes the office 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 July 1, 2050. (SD1)