



GOV. MSG. NO. 1333

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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

July 12, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

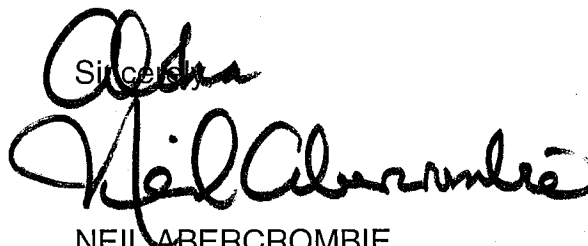
The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 12, 2011, the following bill was signed into law:

HB318 HD2 SD2

RELATING TO VOG
Act 229 (11)

Sincerely,


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 12 2011

HO USE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 229
H.B. NO. 318
H.D. 2
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOG.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There shall be established within the
 2 civil defense agency of a county with an active volcano from
 3 which vog emanates, the interagency task force on vog. The task
 4 force shall review the effects and impact of vog on human
 5 health, school children, agriculture, farm and ranch animals,
 6 public infrastructure, the visitor industry, and any other issue
 7 the task force deems necessary. The task force shall make
 8 recommendations to the legislature on addressing any issue the
 9 task force determines is feasible to address pursuant to this
 10 Act. The task force may adopt resolutions encompassing any
 11 issue being reviewed by the task force and may forward these
 12 resolutions to any federal, state, or county agency for
 13 appropriate action.

14 (b) The interagency task force on vog shall meet quarterly
 15 at a place and time to be determined by the chair of the task
 16 force. Meeting notices shall be posted by the task force as
 17 required under chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and public



1 testimony at meetings shall be accepted by the task force. The
2 task force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2013.

3 (c) The civil defense agency of the county with an active
4 volcano from which vog emanates shall provide administrative
5 support, including the recording of minutes, to the interagency
6 task force on vog.

7 (d) The administrator of the civil defense agency of the
8 county with an active volcano from which vog emanates shall be
9 the chair of the interagency task force on vog. The task force
10 shall include the following members or their designees:

- 11 (1) The director of health, or the director's designee;
- 12 (2) The vice director of civil defense, department of
13 defense;
- 14 (3) The representative of the fourth representative
15 district;
- 16 (4) The representative of the fifth representative
17 district;
- 18 (5) The senator of the second senatorial district;
- 19 (6) Hawaii county council members representing lower Puna
20 and Kau;
- 21 (7) The fire chief of the Hawaii county fire department;



- 1 (8) A representative from the Hawaii district office of
2 the department of education;
- 3 (9) The chairperson of the east Hawaii regional board of
4 the Hawaii health systems corporation;
- 5 (10) The chairperson of the board of agriculture;
- 6 (11) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
7 resources;
- 8 (12) The district health officer for the Hawaii district
9 health office of the department of health;
- 10 (13) The administrator of Kau hospital;
- 11 (14) The executive director of the Hawaii Visitors and
12 Convention Bureau for the island of Hawaii; and
- 13 (15) The Hawaii district manager of the state department of
14 transportation highways division.

15 The members of the task force shall serve without
16 compensation, and all necessary expenses, including travel
17 expenses, shall be paid by the agency, organization, or
18 department to which the member belongs.

19 (e) The interagency task force on vog in conjunction with
20 the state interagency task force on sulfur dioxide hazards shall
21 submit a report that recommends measures and strategies to
22 mitigate the effects of vog to the legislature no later than



1 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
2 2013.

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

APPROVED this 12 day of JUL , 2011

Neil Abernethy
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

