
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 division of the department of defense an
3 interagency volcanic activity task force. The task force shall
4 review the effects of volcanic activity, particularly the
5 effects and impact of vog, on human health, school children,
6 agriculture, farm and ranch animals, public infrastructure, the
7 visitor industry, and any other issue the task force deems
8 necessary. The task force shall develop a plan and make
9 recommendations to the legislature on addressing any issue the
10 task force determines is feasible to address pursuant to this
11 Act. The task force may adopt resolutions encompassing any
12 issue being reviewed by the task force and may forward these
13 resolutions to any federal, state, or county agency for
14 appropriate action.

15 (b) The interagency volcanic activity task force shall
16 meet bi-monthly on Hawaii island at a place and time to be
17 determined by the chair of the task force. Meeting notices
18 shall be posted by the task force as required under chapter 92,



1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and public testimony at meetings shall
2 be accepted by the task force. The task force shall be
3 dissolved on June 30, 2013.

4 (c) The civil defense division of the department of
5 defense shall provide administrative support, including the
6 recording of minutes, to the interagency volcanic activity task
7 force.

8 (d) The vice director of civil defense shall be the chair
9 of the interagency volcanic activity task force. The task force
10 shall include the following members or their designees:

- 11 (1) The mayor of the county of Hawaii;
- 12 (2) The representative of the fourth representative
13 district;
- 14 (3) The representative of the fifth representative
15 district;
- 16 (4) The senator of the second senatorial district;
- 17 (5) Hawaii county council members representing lower Puna
18 and Kau;
- 19 (6) The director of Hawaii county civil defense;
- 20 (7) The director of Hawaii county department of public
21 works;
- 22 (8) The east Hawaii chair of the department of education;



- 1 (9) The chair of the board of agriculture;
- 2 (10) The chair of the board of land and natural resources;
- 3 (11) The chair of the east Hawaii regional board of the
- 4 Hawaii health systems corporation;
- 5 (12) The manager of Kau hospital;
- 6 (13) A representative from the Hawaii Volcano Observatory;
- 7 and
- 8 (14) The executive director of the Hawaii Visitors and
- 9 Convention Bureau for the island of Hawaii.

10 The members of the task force shall serve without

11 compensation and all necessary expenses, including travel

12 expenses, shall be paid by the agency, organization, or

13 department to which the member belongs.

14 (e) The interagency volcanic activity task force shall

15 submit a preliminary plan and strategy report to the legislature

16 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular

17 session of 2013.

18 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Health; Civil Defense; Agriculture; Volcanic Activity

Description:

Establishes a Volcanic Activity Task Force to discuss the impact of vog on the people of Hawaii and find ways to address these issues. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB318 HD1)

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