
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 the county of Hawaii the county of
3 Hawaii interagency task force on vog. The task force shall
4 review the effects and impact of vog on human health, school
5 children, agriculture, farm and ranch animals, public
6 infrastructure, the visitor industry, and any other issue the
7 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 county of Hawaii interagency task force on vog
15 shall meet quarterly on the island of Hawaii at a place and time
16 to be determined by the chair of the task force. Meeting
17 notices shall be posted by the task force as required under
18 chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and public testimony at



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

3 (c) The civil defense agency of the county of Hawaii shall
4 provide administrative support, including the recording of
5 minutes, to the county of Hawaii interagency task force on vog.

6 (d) The administrator of the Hawaii county civil defense
7 agency shall be the chair of the county of Hawaii interagency
8 task force on vog. The task force shall include the following
9 members or their designees:

10 (1) The vice director of civil defense, department of
11 defense;

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 fire chief of the Hawaii county fire department;

20 (7) The east Hawaii chair of the department of education;

21 (8) The chair of the east Hawaii regional board of the

22 Hawaii health systems corporation;



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

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 county of Hawaii interagency task force on vog in
15 conjunction with the state interagency task force on sulfur
16 dioxide hazards shall submit a report that recommends measures
17 and strategies to mitigate the effects of vog to the legislature
18 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
19 session of 2013.

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



Report Title:

Health; Civil Defense; Agriculture; Vog

Description:

Establishes a County of Hawaii Interagency Task Force on Vog to discuss the impact of vog on the people of Hawaii and find ways to address these issues. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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