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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.



**Report Title:**

Health; Civil Defense; Agriculture; Vog

**Description:**

Establishes a interagency task force on vog to discuss the impact of vog on the people of Hawaii and find ways to address these issues. (SD2)

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