

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.

5 **§ -2 Office of disaster preparedness established.**

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

19 **§ -3 Duties of the director.** (a) The director shall
20 develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan for the
21 State. The disaster preparedness plan shall include:

22 (1) The identification of natural hazards;



1 (2) The designation of natural hazard impact zones;
2 (3) Priorities for natural hazard mitigation;
3 (4) Policies, requirements, and incentives to mitigate the
4 consequences of natural hazards, to be incorporated
5 into rules such as county building codes, land use
6 policies, and retrofitting incentives such as tax
7 credits; and

8 (5) Response plans to disasters that will best minimize
9 costs and protect residents and visitors to the state,
10 their interests, possessions, and pets, including
11 plans to ensure the reliability of communication
12 networks and power supplies for major state airports,
13 health care facilities, disaster shelters, and other
14 essential services.

15 (b) The director shall report annually to the governor and
16 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
17 of each regular session on the status of the disaster
18 preparedness plan and shall include any necessary proposed
19 legislation.

20 **§ -4 Disaster preparedness commission established;**
21 **selection of advisory committees.** (a) There is established a
22 disaster preparedness commission within the department of



1 for administrative purposes only. The commission
2 shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the
3 governor in accordance with section 26-34, except as provided in
4 this chapter, as follows:

5 (1) One member selected by the governor;

6 (2) One member selected by the speaker of the house of
7 representatives;

8 (3) One member selected by the president of the senate;

9 (4) Four members selected by the mayors of the counties
10 Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and the city and county of
11 Honolulu, each of whom shall select one member; and

12 (5) One member to represent the judiciary, as selected by
13 the chief justice.

14 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the commission shall
15 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The
16 commission shall select one of its members to serve as
17 chairperson. No member of the commission shall receive any
18 compensation for commission services; provided that members
19 shall be allowed necessary expenses, including travel expenses,
20 incurred in the performance of their official duties.



Report Title:

Disaster Preparedness Plan; Natural Disasters; Natural Hazard

Description:

Establishes the Office of Disaster Preparedness and a Disaster Preparedness Commission to develop a disaster preparedness plan for the State that includes the identification of natural hazards and impact zones, disaster mitigation policies, incentives, and response plans. Appropriates funds.

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