
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 office of Hawaii state civil defense an inter-agency volcanic
3 activity task force. The task force shall review the effects of
4 volcanic activity, particularly the effects and impact of vog,
5 on human health, school children, agriculture, farm and ranch
6 animals, public infrastructure, the visitor industry, and any
7 other issue the task force deems necessary. The task force
8 shall develop a plan and make recommendations to the legislature
9 on addressing any issue the task force determines is feasible to
10 address. 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 inter-agency volcanic activity task force shall
15 meet bi-monthly on Hawaii island at a place and time to be
16 determined by the chair of the task force. Meeting notices
17 shall be posted by the task force as required under chapter 92,
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and public testimony at meetings shall



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

3 (c) The office of Hawaii state civil defense shall provide
4 administrative support, including the recording of minutes, to
5 the inter-agency volcanic activity task force.

6 (d) The chair of the inter-agency volcanic activity task
7 force shall be the vice director of civil defense. The task
8 force shall include the following members or their designee:

- 9 (1) Mayor of the County of Hawaii;
- 10 (2) The representative of the 4th representative district;
- 11 (3) The representative of the 5th representative district;
- 12 (4) The senator of the 2nd senatorial district;
- 13 (5) Hawaii County Council members representing lower Puna
14 and Kau;
- 15 (6) Director of Hawaii county civil defense;
- 16 (7) Director of Hawaii county department of public works;
- 17 (8) East Hawaii chair of the department of education;
- 18 (9) Chairperson of the board of agriculture;
- 19 (10) Chairperson of the board of land and natural
20 resources;
- 21 (11) Chair of the East Hawaii regional board of the hawaii
22 health systems corporation;




- 1 (12) Manager of Kau hospital;
- 2 (13) A representative from the Hawaii Volcanoes
- 3 Observatory; and
- 4 (14) The executive director of the Hawaii Visitors and
- 5 Convention Bureau for the island of Hawaii.

6 The members of the task force shall serve without
7 compensation and all necessary expenses, including travel
8 expenses, shall be paid by the agency, organization, or
9 department to which the member belongs.

10 (e) The inter-agency volcanic activity task force shall
11 submit a preliminary plan and strategy report to the legislature
12 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
13 session of 2013.

14 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

15 INTRODUCED BY:  _____



JAN 21 2011



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.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

