
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A FLOOD CONTROL TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE THE
CHALLENGES OF FLOOD CONTROL.

1 WHEREAS, most scientists recognize that global weather and
2 climate patterns are changing, including a steady and marked
3 rise in land and ocean temperatures; and
4

5 WHEREAS, Hawaii is not impervious to a changing climate;
6 and
7

8 WHEREAS, one of the major results of global warming is that
9 natural disasters are magnified in intensity and
10 destructiveness; and
11

12 WHEREAS, flooding has become more severe around the world,
13 including in Hawaii; and
14

15 WHEREAS, flooding can result from overflowing rivers and
16 streams triggered by excessive rainfall as well as ocean surges
17 caused by tropical cyclones, such as tropical storms and
18 hurricanes; and
19

20 WHEREAS, the windward side of Oahu is particularly
21 vulnerable to flooding and the damage to homes, businesses, and
22 property that accompanies flooding; and
23

24 WHEREAS, it is important to ascertain and develop methods
25 to mitigate the effects of flooding and the damage it causes;
26 now, therefore,
27

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that a Flood Control Task Force



H.C.R. NO. 201

1 is established to review and study the challenges of flood
2 control; and

3
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Flood Control Task Force
5 (Task Force) be composed of:

- 6
- 7 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
8 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee, who will
9 serve as Chairperson of the Task Force;
 - 10
 - 11 (2) The Vice Director of Civil Defense, or the Vice
12 Director's designee; and
 - 13
 - 14 (3) Scientists from the University of Hawaii, including
15 climatologists, geologists, and other experts in
16 ocean, earth, and environmental sciences;
 - 17

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force include Windward
19 Oahu in its review and study; and

20
21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force include in its
22 review and study:

- 23
- 24 (1) The phenomenon of flooding, particularly in relation
25 to changes in climate and weather patterns and a rise
26 in sea levels;
 - 27
 - 28 (2) Methods to mitigate flooding and ways to improve flood
29 control; and
 - 30
 - 31 (3) Ways to mitigate damage to homes, businesses, and
32 property caused by flooding;
 - 33

34 and

35
36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force submit its
37 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
38 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days before the
39 convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

40



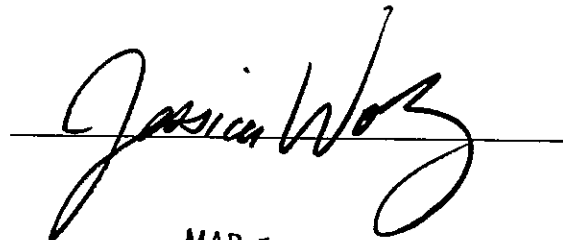
H.C.R. NO. 201

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
2 Bureau is requested to assist the Task Force in preparing its
3 report and any proposed legislation; provided that the
4 Chairperson of the Task Force submit a draft of the Task Force's
5 proposals to the Legislative Reference Bureau for drafting no
6 later than November 1, 2011;

7
8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
10 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Adjutant
11 General, the Board of Regents and President of the University of
12 Hawaii, and the Acting Director of the Legislative Reference
13 Bureau.

14
15
16

OFFERED BY:



MAR 16 2011

