
HOUSE 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
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii is not impervious to a changing climate;
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8 WHEREAS, one of the major results of global warming is that
9 natural disasters are magnified in intensity and
10 destructiveness; and
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12 WHEREAS, flooding has become more severe around the world,
13 including in Hawaii; and
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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
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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
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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,
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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, that a Flood Control Task Force is established to
31 review and study the challenges of flood control; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Flood Control Task Force
2 (Task Force) be composed of:

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- 4 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
5 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee, who will
6 serve as Chairperson of the Task Force;
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- 8 (2) The Vice Director of Civil Defense, or the Vice
9 Director's designee; and
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- 11 (3) Scientists from the University of Hawaii, including
12 climatologists, geologists, and other experts in
13 ocean, earth, and environmental sciences;
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force include Windward
16 Oahu in its review and study; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force include in its
19 review and study:

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- 21 (1) The phenomenon of flooding, particularly in relation
22 to changes in climate and weather patterns and a rise
23 in sea levels;
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- 25 (2) Methods to mitigate flooding and ways to improve flood
26 control; and
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- 28 (3) Ways to mitigate damage to homes, businesses, and
29 property caused by flooding;
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force submit its
34 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
35 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days before the
36 convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
39 Bureau is requested to assist the Task Force in preparing its
40 report and any proposed legislation; provided that the
41 Chairperson of the Task Force submit a draft of the Task Force's



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1 proposals to the Legislative Reference Bureau for drafting no
2 later than November 1, 2011;

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

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