

HB318, hd2

Measure Title:

RELATING TO VOG

Report Title:

Establishes a County of Hawaii Interagency Task Force on Vog to discuss the impact of vog on the people of Hawaii and find ways to address these issues. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB318 HD2)

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 318 H.D. 2
A BILL RELATING TO VOG

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

BY

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March 15, 2011

Chair Espero and Committee members:

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony supporting the intent of House Bill 318 H.D.2.

We appreciate the Legislature's concern over the effects and impact of vog on health, school-aged children, agriculture, livestock, and the visitor industry, House Bill 318 H.D. 2 establishes a new inter-agency volcanic activity task force within the Civil Defense Agency of the County of Hawaii and will work in conjunction with the Interagency Task Force on Sulfur Dioxide Hazards established in June 2008.

We support the intent of House Bill 318 H.D. 2 as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as established in the Executive Biennium Budget Request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.