

JAN 21 2011

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Act 20, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, is
2 amended by amending section 2 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 2. Climate change task force; objectives;
4 membership. (a) The climate change task force is established
5 within the office of planning, for administrative purposes only.

6 The task force shall have the following objectives:

7 (1) Scoping the current and potential impacts of global
8 warming and climate change on the people, natural
9 resources, and the economy of the State, including
10 impacts on:

11 (A) The visitor industry;

12 (B) Intrastate and interstate air and sea
13 transportation of cargo and persons;

14 (C) Existing buildings and the public utilities
15 infrastructure;

16 (D) The health of the people of the State; and

17 (E) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems;



- 1 (2) Scoping the potential impacts of rising ocean levels
2 as a result of climate change on the people, natural
3 resources, and the economy of the State, including
4 impacts on:
- 5 (A) The visitor industry;
 - 6 (B) Shoreline erosion;
 - 7 (C) Intrastate and interstate air and sea
8 transportation of cargo and persons;
 - 9 (D) Existing buildings and the public utilities
10 infrastructure;
 - 11 (E) The health of the people of the State; and
 - 12 (F) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems;
- 13 (3) Estimate the costs to the State of the adverse effects
14 associated with climate change and rising sea levels;
15 and
- 16 (4) Make recommendations to the legislature and the
17 governor on measures that would address or mitigate
18 the near- and long-term effects of climate change.
19 Such measures may include:
- 20 (A) Protecting against shoreline erosion;
 - 21 (B) Maintaining the visitor industry;



- 1 (C) Relocating or armoring the transportation
 - 2 infrastructure, such as airports, highways, and
 - 3 ports;
 - 4 (D) Implementing restrictions on construction in
 - 5 areas at risk for sea level rise and inundation;
 - 6 (E) Improving or hardening the public utilities
 - 7 infrastructure, including communication lines,
 - 8 power generation systems, water supply systems,
 - 9 and wastewater treatment and disposal systems;
 - 10 (F) Preparing for health emergencies and impacts to
 - 11 established emergency management systems; and
 - 12 (G) Preserving the health, biodiversity, and
 - 13 resilience of terrestrial, freshwater, and marine
 - 14 ecosystems.
- 15 (b) The climate change task force shall comprise the
- 16 following:
- 17 (1) The director of the office of planning or the
 - 18 director's designee, who shall act as chairperson;
 - 19 (2) The deputy director of the department of health's
 - 20 environmental health administration or the deputy
 - 21 director's designee;



- 1 (3) The director of transportation or the director's
2 designee;
- 3 (4) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
4 resources, or the chairperson's designee;
- 5 (5) The vice-director of civil defense of the department
6 of defense or the vice-director's designee;
- 7 (6) One member appointed by each of the mayors of Hawaii,
8 Honolulu, Kauai, and Maui counties;
- 9 (7) Three members appointed by the president of the
10 senate, of whom one shall be from an environmental
11 organization;
- 12 (8) Three members appointed by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives, of whom one shall be from an
14 environmental organization;
- 15 (9) The director of the Center for Island Climate
16 Adaptation and Policy at the University of Hawaii at
17 Manoa; and
- 18 (10) One member from the Joint Institute for Marine and
19 Atmospheric Research to be appointed by its
20 administrative board.

21 Members of the task force shall be exempt from section
22 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and serve without compensation,



1 but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessary for the
2 performance of their duties, including travel expenses.

3 (c) The task force shall:

4 (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
5 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
6 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
7 the convening of the regular session of [~~2010~~] 2012;
8 and

9 (2) Submit a final report of its findings and
10 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
11 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
12 the convening of the regular session of [~~2011~~] 2013.

13 (d) The office of planning shall provide administrative
14 and clerical support required by the task force.

15 (e) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30,
16 [~~2011~~] 2013."

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the tourism
18 special fund the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be
19 necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
21 purposes of this Act.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
2 planning for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2012-2013 for the purposes of this Act.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
9 planning for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Climate Change Task Force

Description:

Extends the existence of the climate change task force until 6/30/13.

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