
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCREASE AIR AND WATER
QUALITY MONITORING EFFORTS RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, there is a lack of consensus and understanding on
2 the environmental and human health effects resulting from
3 geothermal resource development activities and the level of risk
4 posed to air and water quality by current geothermal activities
5 on Hawai'i Island; and
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7 WHEREAS, the potential health effects of living near a
8 geothermal power facility have been a major concern to residents
9 living in Puna, Hawai'i, and surrounding areas; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Final Report of the Geothermal Public Health
12 Assessment sponsored by the County of Hawai'i found that
13 geothermal resource development activities in Puna, Hawai'i, have
14 been associated with adverse health effects; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Department of Health, charged with protecting
17 and improving the health and environment for all people in the
18 State, is currently limited to only one ambient air quality
19 monitor and lacks monitoring equipment or procedures for
20 geothermal resource activities; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular
24 Session of 2014, that the Department of Health is urged to
25 increase air and water quality monitoring efforts relating to
26 geothermal resource development; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
29 requested to submit a written report to the Legislature no later
30 than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of
31 2015 that includes:



- 1 (1) The plan and progress for providing oversight of air
2 and water quality monitoring in regards to geothermal
3 resource development activities; and
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5 (2) The adequacy of the existing sampling procedures and
6 meteorological instruments in regards to air and water
7 quality monitoring; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Mayor of
11 Hawai'i County, and Chair of the Hawai'i County Council.

