

**[CHAPTER 225P]  
CLIMATE ADAPTATION**

Section

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" **[\$225P-1] Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to address the effects of climate change to protect the State's economy, environment, health, and way of life. [L 2014, c 83, pt of §2]

" **[\$225P-2] Definitions.** As used in this chapter:  
"Committee" means the interagency climate adaptation committee. [L 2014, c 83, pt of §2]

" **[\$225P-3] Interagency climate adaptation committee; general functions, duties, and powers.** (a) There is established an interagency climate adaptation committee that shall be placed within the department of land and natural resources for administrative purposes only.

(b) Coordination of the committee shall be headed jointly by the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, or the chairperson's designee, and the director of the office of planning, or the director's designee. Among the various potential impacts of climate change, the committee shall, as a first step, focus on and develop sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation reports that shall include:

- (1) Identification of the major areas of sea level rise impacts affecting the State and counties through 2050;
- (2) Identification of expected impacts of sea level rise based on the latest scientific research for each area through 2050;
- (3) Identification of the economic ramifications of sea level rise;
- (4) Identification of applicable federal laws, policies, or programs that impact affected areas; and
- (5) Recommendations for planning, management, and adaptation for hazards associated with increasing sea level rise.

The report shall be made publicly available no later than December 31, 2017.

[(c)] The committee shall include the following members:

- (1) The chairs of the standing committees of the legislature with subject matter jurisdiction encompassing environmental protection and land use;
- (2) The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources or the chairperson's designee, who shall be the co-chair of the committee;
- (3) The director of the office of planning or the director's designee, who shall be the co-chair of the committee;
- (4) The director of business, economic development, and tourism or the director's designee;

- (5) The chairperson of the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority or the chairperson's designee;
- (6) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the chairperson's designee;
- (7) The chief executive officer of the office of Hawaiian affairs or the officer's designee;
- (8) The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designee;
- (9) The director of transportation or the director's designee;
- (10) The director of health or the director's designee;
- (11) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee;
- (12) The chairperson of the board of education or the chairperson's designee;
- (13) The directors of each of the county planning departments, or the directors' designees; and
- (14) The manager of the coastal zone management program.

[(d)] In addition to the members listed in subsection (c), the chairs of the committee may request the participation or input of members of the public; experts in the field; and county, state, or federal officials necessary for the formulation of the report.

[(e)] In developing the report, the committee shall:

- (1) Solicit public views and concerns; and
- (2) Coordinate with the various county, state, and federal agencies involved in ongoing climate change adaptation planning initiatives.

[(f)] The committee shall reevaluate and update the sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report every five years.

[(g)] The members of the committee shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their duties. [L 2014, c 83, pt of §2]