
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GLOBAL WARMING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The global warming task force is
2 established within the department of health, for administrative
3 purposes only, to:
- 4 (1) Assess the current and potential impacts of global
5 warming and climate change trends on the citizens,
6 natural resources, and the economy of the State,
7 including impacts on:
- 8 (A) The visitor industry;
9 (B) Intrastate and interstate air and sea
10 transportation of cargo and persons;
11 (C) Existing buildings and the public utilities
12 infrastructure;
13 (D) The health of the people of the State; and
14 (E) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems;
- 15 (2) Assess the potential impacts of rising ocean levels as
16 a result of climate change on the citizens, natural

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

- 1 (D) Implementing restrictions on construction in
- 2 affected areas;
- 3 (E) Improving or hardening the public utilities
- 4 infrastructure;
- 5 (F) Preparing for health emergencies; and
- 6 (G) Maintaining the health and resilience of native
- 7 species and ecosystems.

8 (b) The global warming task force shall consist of
9 twenty-nine members, as follows:

- 10 (1) The governor or governor's designee;
- 11 (2) Two members of the house of representatives, to be
- 12 appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 13 representatives;
- 14 (3) Two members of the senate, to be appointed by the
- 15 president of the senate;
- 16 (4) The directors, chairpersons of the boards, or their
- 17 designees of the following state departments:
 - 18 (A) Department of health;
 - 19 (B) Department of business, economic development, and
 - 20 tourism;
 - 21 (C) Department of transportation;
 - 22 (D) Department of agriculture; and

- 1 (E) Department of land and natural resources;
- 2 (5) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's
- 3 designee;
- 4 (6) The chairperson of the public utilities commission or
- 5 the chairperson's designee;
- 6 (7) One member from each county to be appointed by the
- 7 mayor of each county;
- 8 (8) One member from the University of Hawaii with
- 9 expertise in geophysics or climatology, appointed by
- 10 the governor;
- 11 (9) One member from the University of Hawaii with
- 12 expertise in environmental engineering, appointed by
- 13 the governor;
- 14 (10) One member from the Hawaii tourism authority;
- 15 (11) One member from the Waikiki Improvement Association;
- 16 (12) One member from each branch of the United States armed
- 17 services and the Coast Guard;
- 18 (13) One member from the United States Army Corps of
- 19 Engineers; and
- 20 (14) Three members selected to represent the interests of
- 21 affected ocean user groups such as watermen, fishers,
- 22 and surfers, to be appointed by the governor.

1 Members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
2 be reimbursed for expenses necessary for the performance of
3 their duties, including travel expenses, and be exempt from the
4 requirements of section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

5 (c) The task force shall:

6 (1) Select a chairperson, collect information, research
7 reports and expert opinions, and conduct hearings
8 throughout the State to fulfill the purpose of this
9 Act;

10 (2) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
11 recommendations, including any proposed legislation to
12 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
13 convening of the regular session of 2010; and

14 (3) Submit a final report of its findings and
15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation to
16 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
17 convening of the regular session of 2011.

18 (d) The department of health shall provide any necessary
19 administrative, professional, technical, and clerical support
20 required by the task force.

21 (e) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2011.

1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the tourism
2 special fund the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be
3 necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the same sum or so much
4 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the
5 purposes of this Act.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
7 of health for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2070.

Report Title:

Global Warming Task Force; Climate Change

Description:

Establishes the global warming task force to assess the impacts of global warming and climate change trends in the State. (SD2)