A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GLOBAL WARMING.

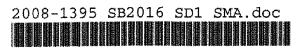
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECT	ION 1.	(a) The global warming task force is
2	establish	ed wit	thin the department of health for administrative
3	purposes	only t	co:
4	(1)	Asses	s the current and potential impacts of climate
5		warmi	ng trends on the citizens, natural resources, and
6		the e	economy of the State, including impacts on:
7		(A)	The visitor industry;
8		(B)	Intrastate and interstate air and sea
9			transportation of cargo and persons;
10		(C)	Existing buildings and public utilities
11			infrastructure;
12		(D)	Population health; and
13		(E)	Native plants, animals, and ecosystems.
14	(2)	Asses	s the potential impacts of rising ocean levels as
15		a res	ult of climate change on the citizens, natural
16		resou	rces, and the economy of the State, including
17		impac	ts on:
18		(A)	The visitor industry;

1		(B)	Shoreline erosion;
2		(C)	Intrastate and interstate air and sea
3			transportation of cargo and persons;
4		(D)	Existing buildings and public utilities
5			infrastructure;
6		(E)	Population health; and
7		(F)	Native plants, animals, and ecosystems.
8	(3)	Esti	mate the costs to the State and its citizens of
9		adve	erse effects associated with climate warming and
10		risi	ng sea levels; and
11	(4)	Make	e recommendations to the legislature and the
12		gove	ernor on measures that would address or mitigate
13		the	near and long term effects of climate change,
14		incl	uding:
15		(A)	Preventing shoreline erosion;
16		(B)	Preserving the visitor industry;
17		(C)	Relocating transportation infrastructure such as
18			airports and shipping terminals;
19		(D)	Implementing restrictions on construction in
20			affected areas;
21		(E)	Improving or hardening utilities infrastructure;
22		(F)	Preparing for health emergencies; and

1		(G) Maintaining the health and resilience of native
2		species and ecosystems.
3	(b)	The global warming task force shall consist of
4	twenty-ni	ne members, as follows:
5	(1)	The governor or governor's designee;
6	(2)	Two members of the house of representatives, to be
7		appointed by the speaker of the house of
8		representatives;
9	(3)	Two members of the senate, to be appointed by the
10		president of the senate;
11	(4)	The directors or their designees of the following
12		state entities:
13		(A) Department of health;
14		(B) Department of business, economic development, and
15		tourism;
16		(C) Department of transportation;
17		(D) Department of agriculture; and
18		(E) Department of land and natural resources;
19	(5)	The adjutant general or the adjutant general's
20		designee;
21	(6)	The chairperson of the public utilities commission or
22		the chairperson's designee;

1	(7)	One member from each county to be appointed by the
2		mayor of that county;
3	(8)	One member from the University of Hawaii with
4		expertise in geophysics or climatology, appointed by
5		the governor;
6	(9)	One member from the University of Hawaii with
7		expertise in environmental engineering, appointed by
8		the governor;
9	(10)	One member from the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
10	(11)	One member from the Waikiki Improvement Association;
11	(12)	One member from each branch of the United States armed
12		services and the Coast Guard;
13	(13)	One member from the United States Army Corps of
14		Engineers; and
15	(14)	Three members selected to represent the interests of
16		affected ocean user groups such as watermen,
17		fishermen, and surfers, to be appointed by the
18		governor.
19	Membe	ers of the task force shall serve without compensation,
20	be reimbu	rsed for expenses necessary for the performance of
21	their duti	ies, and be exempt from the requirements of section
22	26-34, Hav	waii Revised Statutes.



1	(c)	The task force shall:	
2	(1)	Select a chairperson, collect information, research	
3		reports and expert opinion, and conduct hearings	
4		throughout the State to fulfill the purpose of this	
5		Act;	
6	(2)	Submit a preliminary report of its findings and	
7		recommendations, including proposed legislation, if	
8		any, to the legislature no later than twenty days	
9		prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009;	
10		and	
11	(3)	Submit a final report of its findings and	
12		recommendations, including proposed legislation, if	
13		any, to the legislature no later than twenty days	
14		prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010.	
15	(d)	The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2010.	
16	SECT	ON 2. There is appropriated out of the general	
17	revenues (of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so	
18	much there	eof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to	
19	carry out	the purposes of this Act.	
20	SECT	ON 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the	
21	department of health.		

This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Global Warming Task Force; Climate Change

Description:

Establishes the global warming task force to assess the impacts of climate warming trends on the State. (SD1)