
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY AND
RECOMMEND MEASURES TO CONTROL AND ELIMINATE BREEDING SITES
FOR MOSQUITOES, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO WATER CATCHMENT
SYSTEMS.

1 WHEREAS, mosquitoes cause more human suffering than any
2 other organism through the transmission of diseases, such as
3 malaria, dengue fever, and west nile virus, killing over one
4 million people worldwide every year; and

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6 WHEREAS, reports of mosquito-borne diseases, such as dengue
7 fever, have increased significantly in Hawaii in recent years,
8 even resulting in an emergency declaration by the Mayor of the
9 County of Hawaii; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii Island has been significantly impacted by
12 mosquito-borne diseases with over 250 confirmed cases of dengue
13 fever in 2015; and

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15 WHEREAS, one of the most effective ways of controlling the
16 spread of mosquito-borne diseases is to eliminate the vector
17 responsible for transmitting the diseases, the mosquito, which
18 includes eliminating mosquito breeding sites; and

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20 WHEREAS, uncovered water catchment systems, which are
21 common in a number of rural areas throughout the State, serve as
22 ideal mosquito breeding sites, and the establishment of methods
23 to reduce the potential for water catchment systems to serve as
24 mosquito breeding sites will go a long way toward controlling
25 mosquito populations; and

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27 WHEREAS, while preventative mosquito control measures and
28 measures to eliminate mosquito populations have been implemented
29 in various communities in Hawaii, the geographic nature of the
30 State has made it difficult to effectuate these mosquito control
31 and elimination measures; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2016, that the Department of Health is requested to
4 establish and convene a Mosquito Control Task Force to identify
5 and recommend measures to control the mosquito population and
6 eliminate mosquito breeding sites throughout the State,
7 particularly with regard to water catchment systems; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals or
10 their designees are requested to convene as members of the Task
11 Force:
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- 13 (1) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee,
14 who shall serve as the Chair;
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- 16 (2) The Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and
17 Human Resources of the University of Hawaii or the
18 Dean's designee;
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- 20 (3) The Chair of the Board of Realtors or the Chair's
21 designee;
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- 23 (4) Representatives from each of the University of Hawaii
24 System campuses located in Hawaii County, Kauai
25 County, and Maui County, who shall be selected by the
26 University of Hawaii System;
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- 28 (5) The Co-Chairs of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council
29 or their designees; and
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- 31 (6) Any other member deemed necessary by the Director of
32 Health; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall submit a
35 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
36 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
37 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member shall be made subject
40 to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
41 member's participation as a member of the Task Force; and

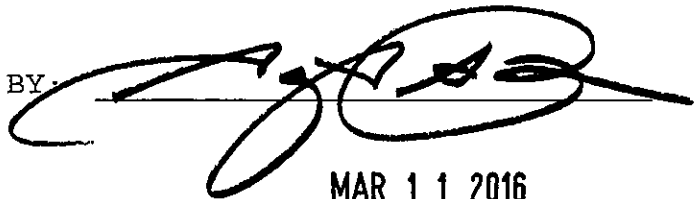


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall cease to
2 exist on June 30, 2017; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, President
6 of the University of Hawaii, Dean of the College of Tropical
7 Agriculture and Human Resources, Chair of the Board of Realtors,
8 and Co-Chairs of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council.

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11 OFFERED BY:

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