A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Hawaii emergency management agency,
- 2 along with the board of land and natural resources as support,
- 3 shall convene a working group composed, at their discretion, of
- 4 representatives from the appropriate county, state, and federal
- 5 agencies that have authority over or involvement in flood
- 6 mitigation, flood water retention, flood diversion or
- 7 preparation, and recovery activities, to develop strategic
- 8 regional flood plans that address flood mitigation, flood water
- 9 retention, flood diversion, and catastrophic floods.
- The plans shall become effective on December 31, 2020.
- (b) The working group shall submit to the legislature a
- 12 written report of its progress in developing plans, including
- 13 any findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, no
- 14 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
- 15 session of 2019.
- 16 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Watershed; Flood Mitigation; Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; BLNR; Plans

Description:

Requires the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, along with the Board of Land and Natural Resources as support, to convene a working group composed of representatives from appropriate county, state, and federal agencies to develop strategic regional flood plans. Requires the working group to submit to the legislature a written report of its progress in developing plans, including any findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019. (SD2)

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