
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE PLAN.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§226- Objectives and policies for land development.

5 (a) Planning for land development in the state shall be
6 directed toward the achievement of the following objectives:

7 (1) To develop land in a manner that first and foremost
8 places the health, interests, and concerns of the
9 people of the State as the primary objective of land
10 development;

11 (2) To provide healthy and livable housing alternatives
12 for all individuals in the state; and

13 (3) To balance the quality of life with economic growth
14 and land development.

15 (b) To achieve the land development objectives, it shall
16 be the policy of the State that land development shall be guided
17 by the following smart growth principles:

18 (1) Creating a range of housing opportunities and choices;



- 1 (2) Creating walkable neighborhoods;
- 2 (3) Encouraging community and stakeholder collaboration;
- 3 (4) Fostering distinctive, attractive communities with a
- 4 strong sense of place;
- 5 (5) Making development decisions predictable, fair, and
- 6 cost effective;
- 7 (6) Mixing land uses;
- 8 (7) Preserving open space, farmland, natural beauty, and
- 9 critical environmental areas;
- 10 (8) Providing a variety of transportation choices;
- 11 (9) Strengthening and directing development toward
- 12 existing communities; and
- 13 (10) Taking advantage of compact building design."

14 SECTION 2. Section 226-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§226-58 County general plans.** (a) The county general
17 plans and development plans shall be formulated with input from
18 the state and county agencies as well as the general public.

19 County general plans or development plans shall indicate
20 [~~desired~~] expected or projected population and physical
21 development patterns for each county and regions within each
22 county. In addition, county general plans or development plans



1 shall address the unique problems and needs of each county and
2 regions within each county. The county general plans or
3 development plans shall further define applicable provisions of
4 this chapter; provided that any amendment to the county general
5 plan of each county shall not be contrary to the county charter.
6 The formulation, amendment, and implementation of county general
7 plans or development plans shall take into consideration
8 statewide objectives~~[7]~~ and policies~~[7]~~ set forth in this
9 chapter, and programs stipulated in state functional plans
10 approved in consonance with this chapter.

11 (b) County general plans shall be formulated on the basis
12 of sound rationale, data, analyses, and input from state and
13 county agencies and the general public, and contain objectives
14 and policies as required by the charter of each county.

15 Further, the county general plans should:

16 (1) Contain objectives to be achieved and policies to be
17 pursued with respect to population density, land use,
18 transportation system location, public and community
19 facility locations, water and sewage system locations,
20 visitor destinations, urban design, and all other
21 matters necessary for the coordinated development of
22 the county and regions within the county; ~~[and]~~



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Report Title:

State Plan; Smart Growth Principles

Description:

Adds as an objective in the State Plan that land development shall be in compliance with smart growth principles.

