
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the costs of
2 purchasing and importing construction materials and the costs of
3 labor have risen at a rate that has increased overall costs of
4 projects that in the past may have been viewed as unsubstantial
5 or minor. Further, the increase in these minor projects and the
6 shortage in personnel that the various county planning
7 departments are experiencing have substantially slowed down the
8 process of reviewing and processing minor projects within the
9 special management areas of the counties.

10 The purpose of this Act is to raise the threshold for the
11 review of minor projects within the special management areas to
12 allow the expeditious processing and approval of these minor
13 projects that have been stalled for too long.

14 SECTION 2. Section 205A-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending the definitions of "special management area
16 minor permit" and "special management area use permit" to read
17 as follows:



1 "Special management area minor permit" means an action by
 2 the authority authorizing development the valuation of which is
 3 not in excess of [~~\$125,000~~] \$500,000 and [~~which~~] that has no
 4 substantial adverse environmental or ecological effect, taking
 5 into account potential cumulative effects.

6 "Special management area use permit" means an action by the
 7 authority authorizing development the valuation of which exceeds
 8 [~~\$125,000~~] \$500,000 or [~~which~~] that may have a substantial
 9 adverse environmental or ecological effect, taking into account
 10 potential cumulative effects."

11 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 13 begun, before its effective date.

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Special Management Areas; Use Permit

Description:

Increases maximum valuation amount for a development to qualify for a special management area minor permit.

