
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the lack of
2 affordable housing in Hawaii remains an obstacle to a
3 significant reduction in the cost of living for many residents.
4 A 2008 report from the affordable housing regulatory barriers
5 task force found that one obstacle to affordable housing
6 development is the delay caused when counties fail to
7 affirmatively accept or reject public infrastructure
8 improvements that are developed as part of a housing project.
9 This delay increases the costs of the project, which in turn
10 increase the cost of homes.

11 During the 2009 regular session, the legislature passed
12 Act 142, which deemed requests for dedication of infrastructure
13 for affordable housing as accepted if counties did not accept or
14 reject the request within ninety days of the filing of the
15 request. The purpose of this Act is to clarify the provisions
16 of Act 142 to facilitate the expeditious development of
17 affordable housing and to shorten the time period within which

1 counties may accept or reject requests for dedication of
2 infrastructure for affordable housing.

3 SECTION 2. Section 46-15.25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) Infrastructure for affordable housing shall be deemed
6 dedicated to the county if the county does not accept or reject
7 the request for dedication of infrastructure within [~~ninety~~]
8 sixty days [of the filing of the dedication request;] of the
9 receipt by the appropriate county council of a completed
10 application for dedication request; provided that:

11 (1) Applicable meter and connection fees and utility costs
12 relating to the dedicated infrastructure have been
13 paid;

14 (2) The dedicated infrastructure conforms to applicable
15 county standards in effect at the time of
16 construction; and

17 (3) The completion of the improvements comprising a
18 dedicated infrastructure is granted approval by the
19 county."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Affordable Housing; Infrastructure; County Review

Description:

Shortens the time period within which counties may accept or reject requests for dedication of infrastructure for affordable housing to sixty days, commencing upon receipt by the appropriate county council of a complete application for dedication request, and subject to certain conditions. (SD1)

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