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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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July 12, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

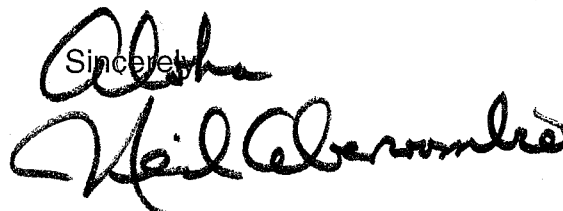
The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 12, 2011, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1405 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO PLANNING.
Act 233 (11)

Sincerely,


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

on JUL 12 2011

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011
STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PLANNING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that given Hawaii's
- 2 limited natural resources, the implementation of smart growth
- 3 principles, including the preservation of open space, is crucial
- 4 to the sustainability of the islands. There are ten principles
- 5 of smart growth:
- 6 (1) Creating a range of housing opportunities and choices;
- 7 (2) Creating walkable neighborhoods;
- 8 (3) Encouraging community and stakeholder collaboration;
- 9 (4) Fostering distinctive, attractive communities with a
- 10 strong sense of place;
- 11 (5) Making development decisions predictable, fair, and
- 12 cost-effective;
- 13 (6) Mixing land uses;
- 14 (7) Preserving open space, farmland, natural beauty, and
- 15 critical environmental areas;
- 16 (8) Providing a variety of transportation choices;



1 (9) Strengthening and directing development toward
2 existing communities; and

3 (10) Taking advantage of compact building design.

4 Smart growth principles are most successful when the State
5 makes systemic changes that are consistent with these principles
6 in community planning and development as well as land
7 preservation. Several other states have implemented similar
8 programs successfully. For example, Maryland has implemented a
9 series of legislation promoting smart growth, and Florida has
10 implemented a greenways and trails program to provide more
11 recreational opportunities and venues.

12 The purpose of this Act is to promote smart growth and
13 sustainability in the State by requiring the office of planning
14 to develop a plan to establish a statewide system of greenways
15 and trails.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The office of planning shall develop a
17 plan to establish a statewide system of greenways and trails
18 that shall consist of individual greenways and trails and
19 networks of greenways and trails.

20 (b) The office of planning shall:



- 1 (1) Coordinate with the department of transportation and
2 the department of land and natural resources in its
3 efforts to develop a plan for a statewide system of
4 greenways and trails;
- 5 (2) Seek input from the counties regarding:
- 6 (A) The establishment of a system of greenways and
7 trails for each county;
- 8 (B) The areas in each county that may be appropriate
9 to designate as a greenway or trail; and
- 10 (C) The various impediments to establishing a system
11 of greenways and trails in each county;
- 12 (3) Investigate and explore other jurisdictions that have
13 established and implemented a system of greenways and
14 trails;
- 15 (4) Investigate and consider, in consultation with the
16 department of transportation, the use of
17 transportation enhancement funds to establish and
18 implement a statewide system of greenways and trails;
19 and
- 20 (5) Establish a timeline for implementing a statewide
21 system of greenways and trails.



1 (c) The office of planning shall submit a written report
2 to the legislature of its findings and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
4 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

APPROVED this 12 day of JUL , 2011

Neil Abernethy
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

