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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 343-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "environmental impact  
3 statement" or "statement" to read as follows:

4           "Environmental impact statement" or "statement" means an  
5 informational document, prepared in compliance with the rules  
6 adopted under section 343-6 [~~and which~~], that discloses [the]:

7           (1) The environmental effects of a proposed action[~~7~~  
8           effects];

9           (2) The effects of a proposed action on the economic  
10           welfare, social welfare, and cultural practices of the  
11           community and State[~~7~~ effects];

12           (3) The effects of the economic activities arising out of  
13           the proposed action[~~7~~ measures];

14           (4) Whether any group of people, including a racial,  
15           ethnic, or socioeconomic group, bears a  
16           disproportionate share of the negative environmental  
17           consequences of a proposed action;



- 1        (5) The measures proposed to minimize adverse effects[7];
- 2                 and [alternatives]
- 3        (6) Alternatives to the action and their environmental
- 4                 effects.

5        The initial statement filed for public review shall be  
 6 referred to as the draft statement and shall be distinguished  
 7 from the final statement which is the document that has  
 8 incorporated the public's comments and the responses to those  
 9 comments. The final statement is the document that shall be  
 10 evaluated for acceptability by the respective accepting  
 11 authority."

12        SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14        ,SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Environmental Impact Statements; Environmental Justice Policy

**Description:**

Amends definition of environmental impact statement to include federal environmental justice policy.

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