
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 55, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, now
2 codified as chapter 171C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, created a
3 process to use public land purporting to be for the economic,
4 environmental, and social benefit for the people of Hawaii. It
5 established the public land development corporation to be the
6 development arm of the department of land and natural resources,
7 to administer an appropriate and culturally-sensitive public
8 land development program to help develop recreational and
9 leisure centers for persons, and create revenue-generating
10 opportunities to offset regulatory functions of the department
11 of land and natural resources.

12 The legislature finds that the powers granted to the public
13 land development corporation go beyond what is necessary and may
14 threaten the commitments that the State and its people have made
15 to protect native Hawaiian traditional customary rights and the
16 natural and cultural resources that make Hawaii unique. Chapter
17 171C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, does not ensure an appropriate
18 and culturally-sensitive public land development program. The



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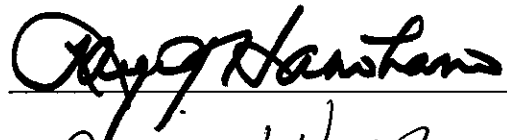
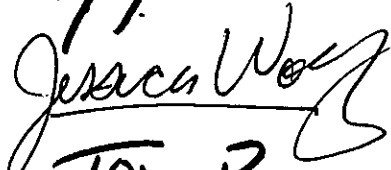


1 legislature finds that the exemptions are overly broad, remove
2 important planning and management tools, increase the likelihood
3 of unprecedented development of the State's public and private
4 lands, including a handful of rural community strongholds where
5 native Hawaiian beliefs, values, traditions, and customs
6 continue to be honored and practiced.

7 The purpose of this Act is to repeal chapter 171C, Hawaii
8 Revised Statutes, and encourage the utilization and improvement
9 of the existing system in order to use public land for the
10 economic, environmental, and social benefit for the State.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 171C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 repealed.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Public Land Development Corporation; Repeal

Description:

Repeals chapter 171C, HRS, relating to the public land development corporation.

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