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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 464-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By adding two new definitions to be appropriately  
4 inserted and to read:

5 "Land surveying" means any professional service or work  
6 which involves the application of specialized knowledge of the  
7 principles of mathematics, the physical and applied sciences,  
8 and the act of measuring, locating, establishing, or  
9 reestablishing lines, angles, elevations, natural and manmade  
10 features on the surface and immediate subsurface of the earth,  
11 or on the beds or surface of bodies of water, for the purpose of  
12 determining, establishing, describing, displaying, or  
13 interpreting the size, shape, topography, elevation datum  
14 planes, legal or geodetic location or relocation, or orientation  
15 of improved or unimproved real property and appurtenances  
16 thereto, including acreage. Land surveying includes but is not  
17 limited to:



- 1        (1) Evaluating and determining boundary evidence collected  
2        through field surveys, boundary studies, or other  
3        means;
- 4        (2) Using the principles of land surveying to:
- 5        (A) Determine the position for any monument or  
6        reference point which marks a property line,  
7        boundary corner, right-of-way, easement, or  
8        alignment of those lines;
- 9        (B) Set, reset, recover, or replace any such monument  
10       or reference point; or
- 11       (C) Perform topographical surveys;
- 12       (3) Giving an authoritative reference or interpretation as  
13       to the location of a property line, boundary,  
14       right-of-way, easement, or any related corner  
15       position;
- 16       (4) Creating or modifying record plats for cadastral  
17       surveys including consolidation, subdivision,  
18       resubdivision, rights-of-way, easements, determination  
19       of areas, mathematical closures, and elevations of  
20       land parcels;
- 21       (5) Creating or modifying land surveying descriptions of  
22       property lines and easements, or editing their content



1           for use in legal instruments that convey real property  
2           and property rights;

3           (6) Rendering a statement or certification regarding the  
4           positional accuracy of land surveying maps, record  
5           drawings, field surveys, or measured survey data;

6           (7) Creating or modifying the content of electronic data,  
7           computerized drawings, or any other survey map  
8           relative to the practice of land surveying; or

9           (8) Setting, resetting, or replacing initial survey  
10           control points, including benchmarks to provide  
11           horizontal and vertical data on or in the vicinity of  
12           a construction or engineering project to enable any  
13           components of the project to be built in compliance  
14           with plans and specifications with respect to the  
15           project location, orientation, elevation, and  
16           relationship to property lines, easements, or right-  
17           of-way boundaries.

18           This definition shall not apply to any person working  
19           within the scope of practice of another licensed profession;  
20           provided that the person does not purport to be a land surveyor.



1       "Professional surveyor", "professional land surveyor", or  
2       "land surveyor" means a person who holds oneself out as able to  
3       practice, or who does practice, land surveying in this State."

4       2. By amending the definition of "landscape architect" to  
5       read:

6        "\"Landscape architect\" means a person who holds oneself out  
7       as able to perform, or who does perform, any professional  
8       services such as consultation, investigation, reconnaissance,  
9       research, design, preparation of drawings and specifications,  
10      and observation of construction where the dominant purpose of  
11      the services is:

12      (1) The preservation and enhancement of land uses and  
13      natural land features;

14      (2) The location and construction of aesthetically  
15      pleasing and functional approaches for structures,  
16      roadways, and walkways; and

17      (3) The design for equestrian trails, plantings, landscape  
18      irrigation, landscape lighting, and landscape grading.

19      This practice shall include the location, arrangement, and  
20      design of tangible objects and features as are incidental and  
21      necessary to the purposes outlined herein. Nothing herein shall  
22      preclude a duly licensed landscape architect from planning the



1 development of land areas and elements used thereon or from  
2 performing any of the services described in this section in  
3 connection with the settings, approaches, or environment for  
4 buildings, structures, or facilities; provided that nothing in  
5 this chapter shall empower a landscape architect licensed under  
6 this chapter from practicing or offering to practice  
7 architecture or engineering in any of its various recognized  
8 branches."

9 3. By repealing the definition of "surveyor" or "land  
10 surveyor":

11 [~~"Surveyor" or "land surveyor" means a person who holds  
12 oneself out as able to make, or who does make cadastral surveys  
13 of areas for their correct determination and description, either  
14 for conveyancing or for the establishment or reestablishment of  
15 land boundaries or the plotting of lands and subdivisions  
16 thereof.~~"]

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Land Surveying; Professional Land Surveyors; Landscape  
Architects

**Description:**

Clarifies the definition of "landscape architect". Replaces the existing definition of "surveyor" or "land surveyor" with definitions for "land surveying" and "professional surveyor", "professional land surveyor", or "land surveyor". (SB2167 HD2)

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