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Comments: HB 797 is a dangerous automatic approval bill that mandates projects "shall" proceed (lines 5 and 15) once a "notice of state consistency certification" is filed and published. Further, this proposal provides that any and all state agency and potentially state/private partnership developments on state land "shall" be allowed within a special management area without obtaining a permit or shoreline setback as otherwise required by law. This measure flies in the face of the public interest and established protective public policy. HB 797 exempts state agency development projects from being consistent with county general plans and zoning, section 205A-26 (2)(C). HB 797 limits public participation. Under the proposed state "consistency" review there is only one (1) opportunity for public input, which is during a limited 30-day comment period. HB 797 flies in the face of County home rule. Hawaii's present Special Management Area Permit process ensures the county's role in the protection of our islands' fragile coastal areas under our federally-recognized and financially supported Coastal Zone Management Law, HRS 205A. Protection of our islands fragile and finite coastal and marine resources does not distinguish state development projects, and potentially state/private partnership development projects, from any other development that is required to be evaluated for cumulative and long and short-term adverse impacts. Eliminating the SMA review process, limiting public participation, and exempting compliance with county plans and zoning as advocated in HB 797 is irresponsible and must not be allowed. Please kill this dangerous bill.

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