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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PLANNING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii State  
2 Planning Act was enacted in 1978 to improve the planning process  
3 and guide future development of the State. The Hawaii State  
4 Planning Act sets forth the Hawaii state plan, which articulates  
5 goals and policies to guide the development of the State and  
6 establishes an integrated planning and implementation system  
7 regarding those goals and policies. The last review of the  
8 Hawaii State Planning Act was initiated in 1983 and completed in  
9 1985 and resulted in several amendments to the Hawaii State  
10 Planning Act. Since then, there have been significant changes  
11 in Hawaii's economic, physical, and social conditions;  
12 technology; and the global marketplace. The State also faces  
13 new constraints and opportunities as it plans for the future.  
14 Thus, the legislature finds that a comprehensive review of the  
15 Hawaii State Planning Act, chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
16 is now warranted.

17           The purpose and intent of this Act is to provide for the  
18 review and update of the Hawaii State Planning Act and continue

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1 efforts to develop goals and policies to guide the development  
2 of the State. Specifically, this Act requires and provides  
3 funding for the office of planning, among other things, to  
4 review the Hawaii State Planning Act and report to the  
5 legislature its recommendations for updating the Hawaii State  
6 Planning Act to appropriately address the needs of the State.

7 SECTION 2. The office of planning shall review the Hawaii  
8 state plan as set forth in the Hawaii State Planning Act for the  
9 purpose of making recommendations for amendments to update the  
10 plan in response to current state needs. Specifically, the  
11 office of planning shall:

12 (1) Review and analyze the formation, evolution,  
13 implementation, and coordination of the Hawaii State  
14 Planning Act;

15 (2) Identify and analyze conflicts between the Hawaii  
16 State Planning Act, county plans, functional plans,  
17 and state programs;

18 (3) Review and analyze major plans, programs, projects,  
19 and regulatory activities proposed by state and county  
20 agencies as they relate to the Hawaii State Planning  
21 Act;

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- 1 (4) Review and analyze state capital improvement projects  
2 as they relate to the Hawaii State Planning Act;
- 3 (5) Identify and analyze significant issues, emerging  
4 issues, problems, and opportunities confronting the  
5 State as they relate to the Hawaii State Planning Act;
- 6 (6) Solicit, review, and analyze proposals for amendments  
7 to the Hawaii State Planning Act from the general  
8 public; and
- 9 (7) As appropriate, provide reports, recommendations,  
10 strategies, and alternative courses of action to the  
11 governor regarding the Hawaii State Planning Act.

12 Not later than thirty days prior to the convening of the  
13 regular session of 2018, the office of planning shall submit a  
14 written report to the legislature of its findings,  
15 recommendations, and proposed legislation, regarding its review  
16 and proposed updates to the Hawaii State Planning Act.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 and the  
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
21 2017-2018 for reviewing, analyzing, reporting, and proposing  
22 updates to the Hawaii State Planning Act.

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1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
2 planning for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect  
4 on July 1, 2016.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

State Planning Act; Office of Planning; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Office of Planning to review and propose updates to the State Planning Act and submit a written report to the Legislature. Makes an appropriation.

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PLANNING.

PURPOSE: To require the Office of Planning to conduct a comprehensive review of the Hawaii State Planning Act (chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes) and make recommendations to the 2018 Legislature for amendments to update the plan in response to current state needs.

MEANS: Enact session law with appropriation of \$300,000 to the Office of Planning.

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaii state plan has been in existence since 1978, and there have been a number of amendments and revisions of state and county goals since plan inception. A number of the plan's provisions are still relevant; however, some are outdated. A comprehensive review of the plan is needed to ensure that the plan is made current and consistent with its holistic, integrated nature.

The general fund appropriation included in this measure has been made in accordance with the statutorily defined appropriation ceiling for the Executive Branch pursuant to section 37-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Including appropriations made up to and including the regular session of 2015, the Executive Branch appropriation ceiling for fiscal year 2016-17 has already been exceeded by \$14,892,787 or 0.2 percent. Funding requested in this measure to perform a comprehensive review of the Hawaii State Planning Act will result in the appropriation ceiling for the Executive Branch to now be exceeded in fiscal year 2016-17 by an additional \$150,000 or 0.002

percent. This current declaration takes into account additional general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal year 2016-17 in this measure only, and does not include other general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2016-17 that may be authorized for the Executive Branch in other legislation submitted to the Legislature during the regular session of 2016.

Impact on the public: No major impact; the general public will be asked to participate in statewide public meetings on the plan's review and update.

Impact on the department and other agencies: No major impact; the department and other state agencies will be asked to participate in the statewide public meetings, as well as agency meetings where review and recommendations are discussed.

GENERAL FUND: \$300,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: BED 144 PL.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: County planning departments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016.