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

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

1 goals and policies to guide the development of the State.
2 Specifically, this Act requires and provides funding for the
3 office of planning, among other things, to review the Hawaii
4 State Planning Act and report to the legislature its
5 recommendations for updating the Hawaii State Planning Act to
6 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 further the intent and purpose of the
12 Hawaii State Planning Act by, among other things:

- 13 (1) Providing recommendations on conflicts between the
14 Hawaii State Planning Act, county plans, functional
15 plans, and state programs;
- 16 (2) Reviewing major plans, programs, projects, and
17 regulatory activities proposed by state and county
18 agencies and providing advisory opinions and reports
19 to the governor as needed;
- 20 (3) Analyzing existing state policies, planning and
21 program operations, laws, rules, and practices
22 relative to the formation, implementation, and
23 coordination of the state plan;

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- 1 (4) Reviewing state capital improvement projects;
- 2 (5) Identifying and analyzing significant issues, emerging
- 3 issues, problems, and opportunities confronting the
- 4 State, and formulating strategies and alternative
- 5 courses of action in response to the identified
- 6 problems and opportunities; and
- 7 (6) Soliciting and reviewing proposals for amendments to
- 8 the Hawaii State Planning Act from the general public
- 9 in accordance with section 226-54, Hawaii Revised
- 10 Statutes.

11 Not later than thirty days prior to the convening of the

12 regular session of 2017, the office of planning shall submit a

13 written report to the legislature of its findings,

14 recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, regarding its

15 review and proposed updates to the Hawaii State Planning Act.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much

18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the

19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year

20 2016-2017 for reviewing and proposing updates to the Hawaii

21 State Planning Act.

22 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of

23 planning for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
2 on July 1, 2015.

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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. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2015.

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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 2017 Legislature for amendments to update the plan in response to current state needs.

MEANS: Enact session law with appropriation of \$500,000 to the Office of Planning.

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaii state plan has been in existence since 1978, and there has 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.

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: \$500,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

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OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

County planning departments.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 1, 2015.