
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.



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

9 SECTION 2. The office of planning shall review the Hawaii
10 state plan as set forth in the Hawaii State Planning Act for the
11 purpose of making recommendations for amendments to update the
12 plan in response to current state needs. Specifically, the
13 office of planning shall further the intent and purpose of the
14 Hawaii State Planning Act by, among other things:

- 15 (1) Providing recommendations on conflicts between the
16 Hawaii State Planning Act, county plans, functional
17 plans, and state programs;
- 18 (2) Reviewing major plans, programs, projects, and
19 regulatory activities proposed by state and county
20 agencies and providing advisory opinions and reports
21 to the governor as needed;



- 1 (3) Analyzing existing state policies, planning and
- 2 program operations, laws, rules, and practices
- 3 relative to the formation, implementation, and
- 4 coordination of the state plan;
- 5 (4) Reviewing state capital improvement projects;
- 6 (5) Identifying and analyzing significant issues, emerging
- 7 issues, problems, and opportunities confronting the
- 8 State, and formulating strategies and alternative
- 9 courses of action in response to the identified
- 10 problems and opportunities; and
- 11 (6) Soliciting and reviewing proposals for amendments to
- 12 the Hawaii State Planning Act from the general public
- 13 in accordance with section 226-54, Hawaii Revised
- 14 Statutes.

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

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

17 written report to the legislature of its findings,

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

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

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much

1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof, as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2016-2017 for reviewing and proposing updates to the Hawaii
4 State Planning Act.

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

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



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 unspecified funds. Effective July 1, 2015. (HB905 HD1)

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