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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, codified as chapter 226, Hawaii  
16 Revised Statutes, 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. (a) The office of planning shall review the  
10 Hawaii state plan as set forth in the Hawaii State Planning Act  
11 for the purpose of making recommendations for amendments to  
12 update the plan in response to current state needs.

13 Specifically, the office of planning shall further the intent  
14 and purpose of the Hawaii State Planning Act by, among other  
15 things:

16           (1) Providing recommendations on conflicts between the  
17 Hawaii State Planning Act, county plans, functional  
18 plans, and state programs;

19           (2) Reviewing major plans, programs, projects, and  
20 regulatory activities proposed by state and county



1 agencies and providing advisory opinions and reports  
2 to the governor, as needed;

3 (3) Analyzing existing state policies, planning and  
4 program operations, laws, rules, and practices  
5 relative to the formation, implementation, and  
6 coordination of the state plan;

7 (4) Reviewing state capital improvement projects;

8 (5) Identifying and analyzing significant issues, emerging  
9 issues, problems, and opportunities confronting the  
10 State, and formulating strategies and alternative  
11 courses of action in response to the identified  
12 problems and opportunities; and

13 (6) Soliciting and reviewing proposals for amendments to  
14 the Hawaii State Planning Act from the general public  
15 in accordance with section 226-54, Hawaii Revised  
16 Statutes.

17 (b) Not later than thirty days prior to the convening of  
18 the regular session of 2017, the office of planning shall submit  
19 a written report to the legislature of its findings and  
20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, regarding



1 its review and proposed updates to the Hawaii State Planning  
2 Act.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2016-2017 for reviewing and proposing updates to the Hawaii  
8 State Planning Act.

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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect 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. Makes an appropriation. (SB1074 HD1)

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