
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO URBAN REDEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 **"CHAPTER**

5 **§ -1 Findings and purpose.** The legislature finds that
6 the State has a unique opportunity to address economic
7 diversification and affordable housing shortages through
8 transit-oriented development.

9 Prior to any redevelopment efforts, it is necessary to
10 increase all infrastructure capacity along the transit corridor,
11 especially around each of the twenty rail transit stations. In
12 preparation for the completion of the Honolulu rail transit
13 project, the State must maximize the opportunities for the
14 development of land around rail transit stations, thereby
15 supporting the local economy, improving access to
16 transportation, and increasing rail ridership.



1 Recognizing the need for a focused effort on building
2 infrastructure capacity to support redevelopment efforts at each
3 of the rail transit stations and avoiding the need to create
4 another government entity, the purpose of this chapter is to
5 create the transit oriented development authority consisting of
6 existing state and county officials, to plan and develop
7 infrastructure capacity, pursuant to this chapter, at each of
8 the rail transit stations that will support the planned growth
9 and density at each of the rail transit stations.

10 Moreover, the purpose of this chapter is to focus on rail
11 transit stations that are adjacent to State- and county-owned
12 lands. The authority shall plan and develop infrastructure to
13 service lands within a half-mile radius from the rail transit
14 stations.

15 Furthermore, in order to facilitate the investment of
16 private capital in public infrastructure, this chapter
17 encourages the authority to enter into public-private
18 partnerships established through a lease-back arrangement
19 between the authority and private investors.

20 The legislature further finds that there exist within the
21 State vast, unmet state and county transit oriented development



1 needs. These include but are not limited to a lack of suitable
2 affordable housing; insufficient commercial and industrial
3 facilities for rent; residential areas that do not have
4 facilities necessary for basic livability, such as parks and
5 open space; and areas that are planned for extensive land
6 allocation to a single use, rather than mixed uses.

7 The legislature further determines that the lack of
8 planning and coordination in such areas has given rise to these
9 transit oriented development needs and that existing laws and
10 public and private mechanisms have proven inadequate to
11 facilitate timely redevelopment.

12 The legislature finds that a new and comprehensive
13 authority must be created to join the strengths of private
14 enterprise, public development, and regulation into a new form
15 capable of long-range planning and implementation of the
16 improved development of State- and county-owned assets near rail
17 transit stations. The purpose of this chapter is to establish
18 such a mechanism in the transit oriented development authority,
19 a public entity that shall determine development programs and
20 cooperate with private enterprise and the various components of



1 federal, state, and county governments in bringing plans to
2 fruition.

3 For such areas designated as transit oriented development
4 districts, the legislature determines that the planning and
5 implementation program of the transit oriented development
6 authority will result in communities that serve the highest
7 needs and aspirations of Hawaii's people.

8 The legislature finds that the creation of the transit
9 oriented development authority, the establishment of transit
10 oriented development districts, and the issuance of bonds
11 pursuant to this chapter to finance public facilities serve the
12 public interest and are matters of statewide concern. In
13 coordinating transit oriented development, the authority shall
14 plan for mixed-use districts in which industrial, commercial,
15 residential, and public uses may coexist compatibly within the
16 same area.

17 **§ -2 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

18 "Authority" means the transit oriented development
19 authority established by section -3.

20 "Commercial project" means an undertaking involving
21 commercial or light industrial development, which includes a



1 mixed use development in which commercial or light industrial
2 facilities may be built into, adjacent to, under, or above
3 residential units.

4 "County" means a county within the State with a population
5 that exceeds six hundred thousand.

6 "Local governing body" means the county council of any
7 county of the State.

8 "Project" means a specific work or improvement, including
9 real and personal properties, or any interest in these
10 properties, acquired, owned, constructed, reconstructed,
11 rehabilitated, or improved by the authority, including a
12 residential project, a redevelopment project, or a commercial
13 project, or any combination thereof, which combination shall be
14 called and known as a "mixed use project".

15 "Project cost" means the total of all costs incurred by the
16 authority in carrying out all undertakings that it deems
17 reasonable and necessary for the development of a project
18 including but not limited to: studies; surveys; plans;
19 specifications; architectural, engineering, or any other
20 development-related services; acquisition of land and any
21 improvement thereon; site preparation and development;



1 construction; reconstruction; rehabilitation; the necessary
2 expenses in administering this chapter; the cost of financing
3 the project; and relocation costs.

4 "Public agency" means any office, department, board,
5 commission, bureau, division, public corporation agency, or
6 instrumentality of the federal, state, or county government.

7 "Public facilities" includes streets, utility and service
8 corridors, and utility lines where applicable, sufficient to
9 adequately service developable improvements in the district;
10 sites for schools, parks, parking garages, sidewalks, and
11 pedestrian ways; and other community facilities. "Public
12 facilities" shall also include public highways, as defined by
13 statute, storm drainage systems, water systems, street lighting
14 systems, off-street parking facilities, and sanitary sewerage
15 systems.

16 "Qualified person" includes any individual, partnership,
17 corporation, or any public agency, possessing the competence,
18 expertise, experience, and resources, including financial,
19 personnel, and tangible resources, required for the purposes of
20 a project and such other qualifications as may be deemed
21 desirable by the authority in administering this chapter.



1 "Real property" means lands, structures, and interests in
2 land, including lands under water; riparian rights, space
3 rights, and air rights; and any and all other things and rights
4 usually included within the term. "Real property" also means
5 any and all interests in such property less than full title,
6 such as easements, incorporeal hereditaments, and every estate,
7 interest, or right, legal or equitable, including terms for
8 years and liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages, or
9 otherwise.

10 "Redevelopment project" means an undertaking for the
11 acquisition, clearance, planning, reconstruction, and
12 rehabilitation or a combination of these and other methods, of
13 an area for a residential or commercial project and the
14 facilities appurtenant thereto, pursuant to and in accordance
15 with this chapter. The terms "acquisition, clearance, planning,
16 reconstruction, and rehabilitation" include renewal,
17 redevelopment, conservation, restoration, or improvement, or any
18 combination thereof.

19 "Residential project" means a project or that portion of a
20 mixed use project, including residential dwelling units,



1 designed and intended for the purpose of providing housing and
2 such facilities as may be incidental or appurtenant thereto.

3 **§ -3 Transit oriented development authority;**

4 **established.** (a) There is established the transit oriented
5 development authority, which shall be a body corporate and a
6 public instrumentality of the State, for the purpose of
7 implementing this chapter. The authority shall be placed within
8 the department of business, economic development, and tourism
9 for administrative purposes.

10 (b) The authority shall consist of:

11 (1) The director of business, economic development, and
12 tourism, or the director's designee;

13 (2) The county director of planning and permitting, or the
14 applicable county director's designee;

15 (3) The county director of facilities maintenance, or the
16 applicable county director's designee;

17 (4) The county director of land management, or the
18 applicable county director's designee;

19 (5) The county employee who is responsible for overseeing
20 transit oriented development;

21 (6) A member appointed by the president of the senate; and



1 (7) A member appointed by the speaker of the house of
2 representatives.

3 (c) Notwithstanding section 92-15, a majority of all
4 members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business and the
5 concurrence of a majority of all eligible voting members as
6 specified in this section shall be necessary to make any action
7 of the authority valid. All members shall continue in office
8 until their respective successors have been appointed and
9 qualified; provided that the terms of ex officio members shall
10 be concurrent with the term of those members' office or
11 employment.

12 (d) The authority shall appoint an executive director, who
13 shall serve as the chief executive officer of the authority.
14 The authority shall set the salary of the executive director,
15 who shall serve at the pleasure of the authority and shall be
16 exempt from chapter 76.

17 (e) The authority shall annually elect a chairperson and
18 vice chairperson from among its members.

19 (f) The members of the authority shall serve without
20 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
21 travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties.



- 1 **§ -4 Powers; generally.** The authority may:
- 2 (1) Sue and be sued;
- 3 (2) Have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;
- 4 (3) Make and execute contracts and all other instruments
5 necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers
6 and functions under this chapter;
- 7 (4) Make and alter bylaws for its organization and
8 internal management;
- 9 (5) Make rules with respect to its projects, operations,
10 properties, and facilities in conformance with chapter
11 91;
- 12 (6) Through its executive director, appoint officers,
13 agents, and employees; prescribe their duties and
14 qualifications; and fix their salaries, without regard
15 to chapter 76;
- 16 (7) Prepare or cause to be prepared a transit oriented
17 development plan for all designated transit oriented
18 development districts;
- 19 (8) Acquire, reacquire, or contract to acquire or
20 reacquire by grant or purchase real, personal, or
21 mixed property or any interest therein; to own, hold,



- 1 clear, improve, and rehabilitate, and to sell, assign,
2 exchange, transfer, convey, lease, or otherwise
3 dispose of or encumber the same;
- 4 (9) Acquire or reacquire by condemnation real, personal,
5 or mixed property or any interest therein for public
6 facilities, including but not limited to streets,
7 sidewalks, parks, schools, and other public
8 improvements;
- 9 (10) By itself, or in partnership with qualified persons,
10 acquire, reacquire, construct, reconstruct,
11 rehabilitate, improve, alter, or repair or provide for
12 the construction, reconstruction, improvement,
13 alteration, or repair of any project; own, hold, sell,
14 assign, transfer, convey, exchange, lease, or
15 otherwise dispose of or encumber any project, and in
16 the case of the sale of any project, accept a purchase
17 money mortgage in connection therewith; and repurchase
18 or otherwise acquire any project that the authority
19 has theretofore sold or otherwise conveyed,
20 transferred, or disposed of;



- 1 (11) Arrange or contract for the planning, opening,
2 grading, or closing of streets, roads, roadways,
3 alleys, or other places, or for the furnishing of
4 facilities or for the acquisition of property or
5 property rights or for the furnishing of property or
6 services in connection with a project;
- 7 (12) Grant options to purchase any project or to renew any
8 lease entered into by it in connection with any of its
9 projects, on terms and conditions as it deems
10 advisable;
- 11 (13) Prepare or cause to be prepared plans, specifications,
12 designs, and estimates of costs for the construction,
13 reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement,
14 alteration, or repair of any project, and from time to
15 time, to modify the plans, specifications, designs, or
16 estimates;
- 17 (14) Provide advisory, consultative, training, and
18 educational services, technical assistance, and advice
19 to any person, partnership, or corporation, either
20 public or private, to carry out the purposes of this
21 chapter, and engage the services of consultants on a



- 1 contractual basis for rendering professional and
2 technical assistance and advice;
- 3 (15) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with
4 its property and other assets and operations in
5 amounts and from insurers as it deems desirable;
- 6 (16) Contract for and accept gifts or grants in any form
7 from any public agency or from any other source;
- 8 (17) Assisted by the applicable county director of land
9 management, identify county-owned real property for
10 the development of affordable housing near rail
11 transit stations;
- 12 (18) Develop affordable residential projects on the county-
13 owned real property identified in paragraph (17);
14 provided that:
- 15 (A) Twenty per cent of the projects may be used for
16 affordable housing for individuals or families
17 who meet one hundred per cent of the area median
18 income; and
- 19 (B) Twenty per cent of the projects may be used for
20 affordable housing for individuals or families



1 who meet one hundred forty per cent of the area
2 median income.

3 (19) Do any and all things necessary to carry out its
4 purposes and exercise the powers given and granted in
5 this chapter.

6 **§ -5 Assignment of powers and duties prohibited.** The
7 authority shall not assign to any person or agency, including
8 the executive director of the authority, any of its powers and
9 duties related to the approval of any variance, exemption, or
10 modification of any provision of a transit oriented development
11 plan or transit oriented development rules.

12 **§ -6 Designation of transit oriented development**
13 **districts.** (a) The legislature may designate an area as a
14 transit oriented development district if it determines that
15 there is need for planning, renewal, or redevelopment of that
16 area. The designation shall describe the boundaries of the
17 district.

18 (b) After designation pursuant to subsection (a), the
19 authority shall develop a transit oriented development plan for
20 the designated district. The plan shall include but not be
21 limited to transit oriented development guidance policies,



1 district-wide improvement programs, and transit oriented
2 development rules.

3 (c) The authority may enter into cooperative agreements
4 with qualified persons or public agencies, where the powers,
5 services, and capabilities of the persons or agencies are deemed
6 necessary and appropriate for the development of the transit
7 oriented development plan, and include, at a minimum, the
8 following:

- 9 (1) Determining how to optimize the amount of workforce
10 and affordable housing in each district;
- 11 (2) Determining how to optimize public facilities,
12 including schools, parks, libraries and other public
13 facilities in each district;
- 14 (3) Identifying the need for infrastructure capacity
15 building to support the planned density at the rail
16 transit stations, and various alternatives on how the
17 infrastructure could be financed; and
- 18 (4) Providing an economic model that would illustrate
19 development or redevelopment opportunities with
20 projected returns to public or private investors and



1 the overall economic benefit in new taxes from jobs,
2 businesses, real property taxes, and other factors.

3 (d) Whenever possible, planning activities of the
4 authority shall be coordinated with federal, state, and county
5 plans. Consideration shall be given to state goals and
6 policies, adopted state plan or land use guidance policies,
7 county general plans, development plans, and ordinances.

8 (e) The authority shall hold a public hearing on a
9 proposed transit oriented development plan pursuant to chapter
10 91 and shall, after consideration of comments received and
11 appropriate revision, submit the transit oriented development
12 plan to the governor for the governor's approval.

13 (f) After the approval pursuant to subsection (e), the
14 governor shall submit to the legislature requests for
15 appropriations, authorization to issue bonds, or both, to
16 implement the transit oriented development plan in an orderly,
17 affordable, and feasible manner.

18 The governor shall submit the requests to the legislature
19 as part of the biennial budget or supplemental budget, as
20 appropriate. In addition to the information, data, and



1 materials required under chapter 37, the requests shall be
2 accompanied by:

3 (1) Plans, maps, narrative descriptions, and other
4 appropriate materials on the:

5 (A) Locations and design of projects or public
6 facilities proposed to be funded; and

7 (B) Phase of the transit oriented development plans
8 proposed to be implemented with the requested
9 funds; and

10 (2) Other information deemed by the governor to be of
11 significance to the legislature regarding the projects
12 or public facilities proposed to be funded, including
13 a discussion of the public benefits intended by, and
14 adverse effects which may result from, implementation
15 of the projects or public facilities.

16 (g) The authority may amend the transit oriented
17 development plan as may be necessary. Amendments shall be made
18 in accordance with chapter 91.

19 **§ -7 Community and public notice requirements; posting**
20 **on the authority's website; required.** (a) The authority shall



1 adopt community and public notice procedures pursuant to chapter
2 91 that shall include, at a minimum:

- 3 (1) A means to effectively engage the community in which
4 the authority is planning a development project to
5 ensure that community concerns are received and
6 considered by the authority;
- 7 (2) The posting of the authority's proposed plans for
8 development of transit oriented development districts,
9 public hearing notices, and minutes of its proceedings
10 on the authority's website;
- 11 (3) The posting of every application for a development
12 permit for any project within a transit oriented
13 development district on the authority's website when
14 the application is deemed complete;
- 15 (4) Notification by the applicant of any application for a
16 development permit for a project valued at \$250,000 or
17 more by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to owners
18 and lessees of record of real property located within
19 a three-hundred-foot radius of the perimeter of the
20 proposed project identified from the most current list
21 available from the real property assessment division



1 of the department of budget and fiscal services of the
2 county in which the proposed project is located, when
3 the application is deemed complete; provided that
4 notice mailed pursuant to this paragraph shall include
5 but not be limited to notice of:

6 (A) Project specifications;

7 (B) Requests for variance, exemption, or modification
8 of a transit oriented development plan or the
9 authority's transit oriented development rules;

10 and

11 (C) Procedures for intervention; and

12 (5) Any other information that the public may find useful
13 so that it may meaningfully participate in the
14 authority's decision-making processes.

15 (b) The authority shall notify the president of the senate
16 and speaker of the house of representatives:

17 (1) Of any public hearing upon posting of the hearing
18 notice; and

19 (2) With a written report detailing the public's reaction
20 at the public hearing, within one week after the
21 hearing.



1 **§ -8 Public hearing for decision-making; separate**
2 **hearings required; judicial review.** (a) When rendering a
3 decision regarding:

4 (1) An amendment to any of the authority's transit
5 oriented development rules established pursuant to
6 chapter 91 and section -10; or

7 (2) The acceptance of a developer's proposal to develop
8 lands under the authority's control,

9 the authority shall render its decision at a public hearing
10 separate from the hearing at which the proposal under paragraph
11 (1) or (2) was presented.

12 (b) The authority shall issue a public notice in
13 accordance with section -7 and post the notice on its
14 website; provided that the decision-making hearing shall not
15 occur earlier than five business days after the notice has been
16 posted. Public notice issued pursuant to this subsection for
17 public hearings on the acceptance of a developer's proposal to
18 develop lands under the authority's control shall state that any
19 written motion to intervene as a formal party to the proceeding
20 shall be received within twenty days after the publication date
21 of the public notice.



1 (c) Prior to rendering a decision, the authority shall
2 provide the public with the opportunity to testify at its
3 decision-making hearing.

4 (d) The authority shall notify the president of the senate
5 and speaker of the house of representatives:

6 (1) Of any public hearing upon posting of the hearing
7 notice; and

8 (2) With a written report detailing the public's reaction
9 at the public hearing, within one week after the
10 hearing.

11 (e) When considering any developer's proposal to develop
12 lands under the authority's control that includes any request
13 for a variance, exemption, or modification of a transit oriented
14 development plan or of the authority's transit oriented
15 development rules, the authority shall consider the request for
16 variance, exemption, or modification at a public hearing,
17 noticed in accordance with section -7, separate from and
18 subsequent to the hearing at which the developer's proposal was
19 presented; provided that the authority may consider all requests
20 applicable to a single proposal at the same public hearing. The
21 authority's decision on requests subject to this subsection



1 shall be rendered at the decision-making hearing on the
2 developer's proposal.

3 (f) Any party aggrieved by a final decision of the
4 authority regarding the acceptance of a developer's proposal to
5 develop lands under the authority's control may seek judicial
6 review of the decision within thirty days, pursuant to section
7 91-14.

8 (g) The authority shall not approve any developer's
9 proposal to develop lands under the authority's control, unless
10 the authority finds that the proposed development project is
11 reasonable and is consistent with the development rules and
12 policies of the relevant development district. In making its
13 finding pursuant to this subsection, the authority shall
14 consider:

15 (1) The extent to which the proposed project:
16 (A) Advances the goals, policies, and objectives of
17 the applicable district plan;
18 (B) Protects, preserves, or enhances desirable
19 neighborhood characteristics through compliance
20 with the standards and guidelines of the
21 applicable district rules; and



- 1 (C) Considers housing opportunities for low- and
2 moderate-income groups;
- 3 (2) The impact of the proposed project on the following
4 areas of urban design, as applicable:
- 5 (A) Pedestrian oriented development;
- 6 (B) Transit oriented development, including rail,
7 bus, and other modes of rapid transit; and
- 8 (C) Community amenities such as gathering places,
9 community centers, culture and arts facilities,
10 and the full array of public facilities normally
11 provided by the public sector; and
- 12 (3) The representations and commitments made by the
13 developer in the permit application process.

14 **§ -9 District-wide improvement program.** (a) The
15 authority shall develop a district-wide improvement program to
16 identify necessary district-wide public facilities within a
17 transit oriented development district.

18 (b) Whenever the authority shall determine to undertake,
19 or cause to be undertaken, any public facility as part of the
20 district-wide improvement program, the cost of providing the
21 public facilities shall be assessed against the real property in



1 the transit oriented development district specially benefiting
2 from the public facilities. The authority shall determine the
3 areas of the transit oriented development district that will
4 benefit from the public facilities to be undertaken and, if less
5 than the entire transit oriented development district benefits,
6 the authority may establish assessment areas within the transit
7 oriented development district. The authority may issue and sell
8 bonds in amounts as may be authorized by the legislature to
9 provide funds to finance the public facilities. The authority
10 shall fix the assessments against real property specially
11 benefited. All assessments made pursuant to this section shall
12 be a statutory lien against each lot or parcel of land assessed
13 from the date of the notice declaring the assessment until paid
14 and the lien shall have priority over all other liens, except
15 the lien of property taxes. As between liens of assessments,
16 the earlier lien shall be superior to the later lien.

17 (c) Bonds issued to provide funds to finance public
18 facilities shall be secured solely by the real properties
19 benefited or improved, the assessments thereon, or by the
20 revenues derived from the program for which the bonds are
21 issued, including reserve accounts and earnings thereon,



1 insurance proceeds, and other revenues, or any combination
2 thereof. The bonds may be additionally secured by the pledge or
3 assignment of loans and other agreements or any note or other
4 undertaking, obligation, or property held by the authority.
5 Bonds issued pursuant to this section and the income therefrom
6 shall be exempt from all state and county taxation, except
7 transfer and estate taxes. The bonds shall be issued according
8 and subject to the provisions of the rules adopted pursuant to
9 this section.

10 (d) The authority shall assess the real property within an
11 assessment area according to the special benefits conferred upon
12 the real property by the public facilities. These methods may
13 include assessment on a frontage basis or according to the area
14 of real property within an assessment area or any other
15 assessment method which assesses the real property according to
16 the special benefit conferred, or any combination thereof. No
17 such assessment levied against real property specially benefited
18 as provided by this chapter shall constitute a tax on real
19 property within the meanings of any constitutional or statutory
20 provisions.



1 (e) The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
2 91, and may amend the rules from time to time, providing for the
3 method of undertaking and financing public facilities in an
4 assessment area or an entire transit oriented development
5 district. The rules adopted pursuant to this section shall
6 include but are not limited to the following: methods by which
7 the authority shall establish assessment areas; the method of
8 assessment of real properties specially benefited; the costs to
9 be borne by the authority, the county in which the public
10 facilities are situated, and the property owners; the procedures
11 before the authority relating to the creation of the assessment
12 areas by the owners of real property therein, including
13 provisions for petitions, bids, contracts, bonds, and notices;
14 provisions relating to assessments; provisions relating to
15 financing, such as bonds, revolving funds, advances from
16 available funds, special funds for payment of bonds, payment of
17 principal and interest, and sale and use of bonds; provisions
18 relating to funds and refunding of outstanding debts; and
19 provisions relating to limitations on time to sue, and other
20 related provisions.



1 (f) The authority may, in its discretion, enter into any
2 agreement with the county in which the public facilities are
3 located, to implement all or part of the purposes of this
4 section.

5 (g) All sums collected under this section shall be
6 deposited in the Hawaii transit oriented development revolving
7 fund established by section -19; except that notwithstanding
8 section -19, all moneys collected on account of assessments
9 and interest thereon for any specific public facilities financed
10 by the issuance of bonds shall be set apart in a separate
11 special fund and applied solely to the payment of the principal
12 and interest on these bonds; the cost of administering,
13 operating, and maintaining the program; the establishment of
14 reserves; and other purposes as may be authorized in the
15 proceedings providing for the issuance of the bonds. If any
16 surplus remains in any special fund after the payment of the
17 bonds chargeable against the special fund, it shall be credited
18 to and become a part of the Hawaii transit oriented development
19 revolving fund. Moneys in the Hawaii transit oriented
20 development revolving fund may be used to make up any
21 deficiencies in the special fund.



1 (h) If the public facilities to be financed through bonds
2 issued by the authority may be dedicated to the county in which
3 the public facilities are to be located, the authority shall
4 ensure that the public facilities are designed and constructed
5 to meet county requirements.

6 (i) If it becomes necessary to remove, relocate, replace,
7 or reconstruct public utility facilities, the authority shall
8 establish by rule the allocation of cost between the authority,
9 the affected public utilities, and properties that may specially
10 benefit from such improvement, if any. In determining the
11 allocation of cost, the authority shall consider the cost
12 allocation policies for improvement districts established by the
13 county in which the removal, relocation, replacement, or
14 reconstruction is to take place.

15 **§ -10 Transit oriented development rules.** (a) The
16 authority shall establish transit oriented development rules
17 under chapter 91 on health, safety, building, planning, zoning,
18 and land use which, upon final adoption of a transit oriented
19 development plan, shall supersede all other inconsistent
20 ordinances and rules relating to the use, zoning, planning, and
21 development of land and construction thereon. Rules adopted



1 under this section shall follow existing law, rules, ordinances,
2 and regulations as closely as is consistent with standards
3 meeting minimum requirements of good design, pleasant amenities,
4 health, safety, and coordinated development. The authority may,
5 in the transit oriented development plan or by a transit
6 oriented development rule, provide that lands within a transit
7 oriented development district shall not be developed beyond
8 existing uses or that improvements thereon shall not be
9 demolished or substantially reconstructed, or provide other
10 restrictions on the use of the lands.

11 (b) Development rights under a master plan permit and
12 master plan development agreement issued and approved by the
13 authority are vested under the transit oriented development
14 district rules in effect at the time of initial approval by the
15 authority and shall govern development on lands subject to such
16 permit and agreement.

17 **§ -11 Use of public lands; acquisition of state and**
18 **county lands.** (a) If state lands under the control and
19 management of other public agencies are required by the
20 authority for its purposes, the agency having the control and
21 management of those required lands may, upon request by the



1 authority and with the approval of the governor or mayor, as
2 applicable, convey or lease the lands to the authority upon
3 terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the parties.

4 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), no public lands shall
5 be conveyed or leased to the authority if the conveyance or
6 lease would impair any covenant between the State or any county
7 or any department or board thereof and the holders of bonds
8 issued by the State or the county, department, or board.

9 (c) The authority may negotiate lease terms on any lands
10 it controls, with terms and conditions that are deemed to be in
11 the best interest of the State in achieving its goals to develop
12 or redevelop State and county-owned lands near rail transit
13 stations; provided that the maximum term of an initial lease or
14 lease-back arrangement shall not exceed ninety-nine years.

15 **§ -12 Developments within special management areas and**
16 **shoreline setback.** (a) Notwithstanding chapter 205A, all
17 requests for developments within a special management area and
18 shoreline setback variances for developments on any lands within
19 a transit oriented development district, for which a transit
20 oriented development plan has been developed and approved in
21 accordance with section -6, shall be submitted to and



1 reviewed by the lead agency as defined in chapter 205A. In
2 transit oriented development districts for which a transit
3 oriented development plan has not been developed and approved in
4 accordance with section -6, parts II and III of chapter 205A
5 shall continue to be administered by the applicable county
6 authority until a transit oriented development plan for the
7 district takes effect.

8 (b) In the review of such requests, the lead agency shall
9 conform to the following, as deemed appropriate:

10 (1) Applicable county rules adopted in accordance with
11 section 205A-26 for the review of developments within
12 a special management area, except that section 205A-
13 26(2)(C) shall not apply; and

14 (2) Part III of chapter 205A and applicable county rules
15 for the review of developments within the shoreline
16 setback.

17 (c) With the approval of the lead agency, the developments
18 may be allowed without a special management area permit or
19 shoreline setback variance as required by chapter 205A.

20 **§ -13 Condemnation of real property.** Upon making a
21 finding that it is necessary to acquire any real property for



1 its immediate or future use for the purposes of this chapter,
2 the authority may acquire the property by condemnation pursuant
3 to chapter 101, including property already devoted to a public
4 use. The property shall not thereafter be taken for any other
5 public use without the consent of the authority. No award of
6 compensation shall be increased by reason of any increase in the
7 value of real property caused by the designation of a transit
8 oriented development district or plan adopted pursuant to a
9 designation, or the actual or proposed acquisition, use, or
10 disposition of any other real property by the authority.

11 **§ -14 Relocation.** (a) The authority shall adopt rules
12 pursuant to chapter 91 to ensure the appropriate relocation
13 within or outside the district of persons, families, and
14 businesses displaced by governmental action within the district.
15 The rules may include but are not limited to the establishment
16 and operation of a central relocation office; relocation
17 payments for actual moving costs; fixed payments for losses
18 suffered; payments for replacement housing or business
19 locations; relocation payments and loans to displaced businesses
20 for certain costs related to the re-establishment of their
21 business operations; and other similar relocation matters.



1 (b) The authority shall provide relocation assistance to
2 persons, families, and businesses within the district that are
3 displaced by private action; provided that assistance shall not
4 include any form of direct monetary payments, except that the
5 authority may make relocation loans to displaced businesses in
6 accordance with rules adopted by the authority. Temporary
7 relocation facilities within or outside the district may be made
8 available to those displaced; provided that those displaced by
9 government action shall be afforded priority to these
10 facilities.

11 **§ -15 Construction contracts.** The authority shall award
12 construction contracts in conformity with the applicable
13 provisions of chapter 103D.

14 **§ -16 Dedication for public facilities as condition to**
15 **development.** The authority shall establish rules requiring
16 dedication for public facilities of land or facilities, or cash
17 payments in lieu thereof, by developers as a condition of
18 developing real property pursuant to the transit oriented
19 development plan. Where state and county public facilities
20 dedication laws, ordinances, or rules differ, the provision for
21 greater dedication shall prevail.



1 **§ -17 Sale or lease of redevelopment projects.** (a) The
2 authority may, without recourse to public auction, sell or lease
3 for a term not exceeding ninety-nine years, all or any portion
4 of the real or personal property constituting a redevelopment
5 project to any person, upon terms and conditions as may be
6 approved by the authority, if the authority finds that the sale
7 or lease conforms with the transit oriented development plan.

8 (b) In the case of residential projects or redevelopment
9 projects, the terms of the sale shall provide for the repurchase
10 of the property by the authority at its option, in the event
11 that the purchaser, if other than a state agency, desires to
12 sell the property within ten years; provided that this
13 requirement may be waived by the authority if the authority
14 determines that a waiver will not be contrary to the transit
15 oriented development plan. The authority shall establish at the
16 time of original sale a formula setting forth a basis for a
17 repurchase price based on market considerations, including
18 interest rates, land values, construction costs, and federal tax
19 laws.

20 If the purchaser in a residential project is a state
21 agency, the authority may include as a term of the sale a



1 provision for the repurchase of the property in conformance with
2 this section.

3 **§ -18 Residential projects; cooperative agreements.** (a)

4 If the authority deems it desirable to develop a residential
5 project, it may enter into an agreement with qualified persons
6 to construct, maintain, operate, or otherwise dispose of the
7 residential project. Sale, lease, or rental of dwelling units
8 in the project shall be as provided by the rules established by
9 the authority. The authority may enter into cooperative
10 agreements with the Hawaii housing finance and development
11 corporation for the financing, development, construction, sale,
12 lease, or rental of dwelling units and projects.

13 (b) The authority may transfer the housing fees collected
14 from private residential developments for the provision of
15 housing for low- to moderate-income residents to the Hawaii
16 housing finance and development corporation for the financing,
17 development, construction, sale, lease, or rental of such
18 housing within or without the transit oriented development
19 districts. The fees shall be used only for projects owned by
20 the State, owned by the county, or owned or developed by a
21 qualified nonprofit organization. As used in this section,



1 "nonprofit organization" means a corporation, association, or
2 other duly chartered organization registered with the State,
3 which has received charitable status under the Internal Revenue
4 Code of 1986, as amended.

5 (c) The authority shall ensure that affordable housing
6 projects are developed at multiple locations along the entire
7 rail transit corridor.

8 **§ -19 Hawaii transit oriented development revolving**
9 **fund.** There is created the Hawaii transit oriented development
10 revolving fund into which all receipts and revenues of the
11 authority shall be deposited. Proceeds from the fund shall be
12 used for the purposes of this chapter.

13 **§ -20 Expenditures of revolving funds under the**
14 **authority exempt from appropriation and allotment.** Except as to
15 administrative expenditures, and except as otherwise provided by
16 law, expenditures from any revolving fund administered by the
17 authority may be made by the authority without appropriation or
18 allotment of the legislature; provided that no expenditure shall
19 be made from and no obligation shall be incurred against any
20 revolving fund in excess of the amount standing to the credit of
21 the fund or for any purpose for which the fund may not lawfully



1 be expended. Nothing in sections 37-31 to 37-41 shall require
2 the proceeds of any revolving fund administered by the authority
3 to be re-appropriated annually.

4 **§ -21 Exemption from taxation.** The authority shall not
5 be required to pay assessments levied by any county, nor shall
6 the authority be required to pay state taxes of any kind.

7 **§ -22 Annual report.** The authority shall submit to the
8 governor and the legislature, at least twenty days prior to the
9 convening of each regular session, a complete and detailed
10 report of its activities.

11 **§ -23 Issuance of bonds.** The director of finance may,
12 from time to time, issue general obligation bonds pursuant to
13 chapter 39 in amounts as may be authorized by the legislature,
14 for the purposes of this chapter.

15 **§ -24 Violations and penalty.** (a) The authority may
16 set, charge, and collect reasonable fines for violation of this
17 chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to chapter 91. Any person
18 violating any of the provisions of this chapter or any rule
19 adopted pursuant to chapter 91, for which violation a penalty is
20 not otherwise provided, shall be fined not more than \$500 per



1 day and shall be liable for administrative costs incurred by the
2 authority.

3 (b) The authority may maintain an action for an injunction
4 to restrain any violation of the provisions of this chapter and
5 may take any other lawful action to prevent or remedy any
6 violation.

7 (c) Any person violating any provision of this chapter
8 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding
9 \$1,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both.
10 The continuance of a violation after conviction shall be deemed
11 a new offense for each day of continuance.

12 **§ -25 Transit oriented development district;**
13 **prohibitions.** The authority is prohibited from selling or
14 otherwise assigning the fee simple interest in any lands in the
15 transit oriented development district to which the authority in
16 its corporate capacity holds title, except with respect to:

- 17 (1) Utility easements;
18 (2) Remnants as defined in section 171-52;
19 (3) Grants to any state or county department or agency;
20 and



1 (4) Private entities for purposes of any easement,
2 roadway, or infrastructure improvements.

3 § -26 Lease of projects. (a) The authority may,
4 without recourse to public auction or public notice for sealed
5 bids, lease for a term not exceeding ninety-nine years, all or
6 any portion of the real or personal property constituting a
7 project to any person, upon such terms and conditions as may be
8 approved by the authority, if the authority finds that the lease
9 conforms with the transit oriented development plan.

10 (b) In the case of any sale of the leasehold interest in
11 the project, the terms of the sale shall provide for the
12 repurchase of the leasehold property by the authority at its
13 option, in the event that the purchaser, if other than a state
14 agency, desires to sell the property within ten years; provided
15 that this requirement may be waived by the authority if the
16 authority determines that a waiver will not be contrary to the
17 transit oriented development plan. The authority shall
18 establish at the time of original sale a formula setting forth a
19 basis for a repurchase price based on market considerations
20 including but not limited to interest rates, land values,
21 construction costs, and federal tax laws.



1 (c) If the purchaser in a residential project is a state
2 agency, the authority may include as a term of the sale a
3 provision for the repurchase of the property in conformance with
4 this section.

5 **§ -27 Districts; established; boundaries.** The transit
6 oriented development district is hereby established. The
7 district boundaries are defined as a one-half mile radius around
8 each of the following rail transit stations:

- 9 (1) University of Hawaii, west Oahu, transit station;
- 10 (2) Leeward community college transit station;
- 11 (3) Aloha Stadium transit station;
- 12 (4) Kalihi transit station; and
- 13 (5) Iwilei transit station.

14 **§ -28 Transit oriented development district; development**
15 **guidance policies.** The following shall constitute the
16 development guidance policies generally governing the
17 authority's action in the transit oriented development district:

- 18 (1) Development shall result in a community that permits
19 an appropriate land mixture of residential,
20 commercial, industrial, and other uses. In view of
21 the innovative nature of the mixed use approach, urban



1 design policies should be established to provide
2 guidelines for the public and private sectors in the
3 proper development of this district. Although the
4 authority's development responsibilities apply only to
5 the area within the district, the authority may engage
6 in any studies or coordinative activities permitted in
7 this chapter that affect areas lying outside the
8 district, where the authority, in its discretion,
9 decides that those activities are necessary to
10 implement the intent of this chapter. The studies or
11 coordinative activities shall be limited to facility
12 systems, residential and industrial relocation, and
13 other activities with the counties and appropriate
14 state agencies. The authority may engage in
15 construction activities outside the district; provided
16 that the construction relates to infrastructure
17 development or residential or business relocation
18 activities; provided further, notwithstanding section
19 206E-7, that the construction shall comply with the
20 general plan, development plan, ordinances, and rules
21 of the county in which the district is located;



- 1 (2) Existing and future industrial uses shall be permitted
2 and encouraged in appropriate locations within the
3 district. No plan or implementation strategy shall
4 prevent continued activity or redevelopment of
5 industrial and commercial uses which meet reasonable
6 performance standards;
- 7 (3) Activities shall be located to provide primary
8 reliance on public transportation and pedestrian
9 facilities for internal circulation within the
10 district or designated subareas;
- 11 (4) Major view planes, view corridors, and other
12 environmental elements, such as natural light and
13 prevailing winds, shall be preserved through necessary
14 regulation and design review;
- 15 (5) Redevelopment of the district shall be compatible with
16 plans of the surrounding areas;
- 17 (6) Historic sites and culturally significant facilities,
18 settings, or locations shall be preserved;
- 19 (7) Land use activities within the district, where
20 compatible, shall, to the greatest possible extent, be
21 mixed horizontally, i.e., within blocks or other land



1 areas, and vertically, as integral units of multi-
2 purpose structures;

3 (8) Residential development may require a mixture of
4 densities, building types, and configurations in
5 accordance with appropriate urban design guidelines;
6 integration both vertically and horizontally of
7 residents of varying incomes, ages, and family groups;
8 and an increased supply of housing for low- or
9 moderate-income residents may be required as a
10 condition of redevelopment in residential use.
11 Residential development shall provide necessary
12 community facilities, such as open space, parks,
13 community meeting places, child care centers, and
14 other services, within and adjacent to residential
15 development; and

16 (9) Public facilities within the district shall be
17 planned, located, and developed so as to support the
18 redevelopment policies for the district established by
19 this chapter and plans and rules adopted pursuant to
20 it.



1 **§ -29 County-owned real property.** (a) The county shall
2 continue to own any real property identified in section -
3 4(17).

4 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the authority shall
5 have the power to develop affordable residential projects on the
6 real property and negotiate with any other parties, as
7 necessary, for this purpose."

8 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2150.



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