
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KALIHI 21ST CENTURY COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that community planning
2 in Hawaii has a long and significant history. The legislature
3 further finds that a collaborative approach by stakeholders
4 using successful, research-based solutions would improve
5 Hawaii's community planning efforts and provide for the
6 efficient use of Hawaii's resources in guiding community
7 development in a responsible manner.

8 On January 25, 2016, in the State of the State Address
9 by governor David Ige, the governor provided the following
10 statement relating to working with the community,

11 "When we govern in the right way, we conduct the
12 people's business WITH the community, not against it
13 or around it or without it. I've long had strong
14 concerns about the way the redevelopment in Kakaako
15 proceeded. So do a lot of people who felt left out.
16 We have a great opportunity to learn from past
17 experience and do things differently going forward.



1 We have an immediate opportunity to get it right in
2 Kalihi. . . . Once the correctional facility has been
3 moved, we can take advantage of the transit-oriented
4 development opportunities created by the rail transit
5 system. . . . I intend to put together a group of
6 community leaders who will convene a series of
7 community meetings to let Kalihi speak about what
8 Kalihi wants and what role it will play in the future
9 of Honolulu. The land at Dillingham and Puuhale could
10 be used for affordable housing, open space for
11 recreation, commercial development and the jobs that
12 it would bring, education and many other
13 possibilities. And there are other state housing and
14 mixed-use developments in various stages of planning
15 and development in Kalihi. In short, this is a
16 tremendous opportunity to reposition Kalihi for the
17 future. This Kalihi 21st Century initiative truly
18 gives us the opportunity to do community planning the
19 right way. No one deserves this more than the people
20 of Kalihi. This is long overdue."



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a temporary
2 commission to develop a framework in economic development and
3 community planning to effectively use the State's resources and
4 guide the future development of the Kalihi area.

5 SECTION 2. There is established a temporary commission to
6 be known as the Kalihi 21st century commission, which shall
7 create a comprehensive community development plan for the Kalihi
8 area on the island of Oahu. The commission shall be placed
9 within the office of planning for administrative purposes and
10 shall cease to operate on June 30, 2020.

11 SECTION 3. (a) The commission shall be composed of the
12 following members:

- 13 (1) The governor or the governor's designee;
- 14 (2) Two representatives from the office of planning;
- 15 (3) The state senator of the 13th district or the
16 senator's designee;
- 17 (4) The state senator of the 14th district or the
18 senator's designee;
- 19 (5) The state senator of the 15th district or the
20 senator's designee;



- 1 (6) The state representative of the 27th district or the
2 representative's designee;
- 3 (7) The state representative of the 28th district or the
4 representative's designee;
- 5 (8) The state representative of the 29th district or the
6 representative's designee;
- 7 (9) The state representative of the 30th district or the
8 representative's designee;
- 9 (10) A representative from the University of Hawaii
10 Honolulu Community College; and
- 11 (11) A representative from Honolulu Authority for Rapid
12 Transit.
- 13 (b) The commission shall request a representative, to
14 serve as a member, from the following organizations:
- 15 (1) Adult Friends for Youth Hawaii;
- 16 (2) Helping Hands Hawaii;
- 17 (3) The Institute for Human Services;
- 18 (4) Kalihi-Palama Health Center;
- 19 (5) Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services;
- 20 (6) Palama Settlement;
- 21 (7) Parents and Children Together;



- 1 (8) Susannah Wesley Community Center;
- 2 (9) YMCA of Honolulu;
- 3 (10) The Hawaii Chamber of Commerce;
- 4 (11) Three business representatives chosen from a list of
- 5 at least nine businesses in the Kalihi area presented
- 6 to the president of the senate; and
- 7 (12) Three business representatives chosen from a list of
- 8 at least nine businesses in the Kalihi area presented
- 9 to the speaker of the house.

- 10 (c) At the initial meeting of the commission, which shall
- 11 occur no later than sixty days after the effective date of this
- 12 Act, its members shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and any other
- 13 necessary officers from among the members.

- 14 (d) No member shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii
- 15 Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation
- 16 as a member of the commission.

- 17 (e) The members shall not receive compensation for their
- 18 services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,
- 19 including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their
- 20 duties under this Act.



1 SECTION 4. The commission shall create a comprehensive
2 development plan for the Kalihi area that would:

3 (1) Focus on economic development, affordable housing,
4 education, healthcare, supporting strong families and
5 support groups, poverty reduction, crime reduction,
6 creating jobs and providing affordable housing and
7 rental units as cornerstones in its framework for the
8 future development of Kalihi; and

9 (2) Review potential areas for affordable housing, the
10 relocation of the correctional facility currently
11 located in Kalihi, open space for recreation,
12 commercial development, employment opportunities,
13 education, shopping areas, business development, and
14 other opportunities for public housing and mixed-use
15 developments in various stages of planning and
16 development in Kalihi.

17 SECTION 5. The commission shall report its findings and
18 recommendations relative to the comprehensive development plan,
19 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
20 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions
21 of 2018, 2019, and 2020.



1 In fulfilling its responsibilities, the commission shall
2 consult, cooperate with, and seek advice from representatives
3 from government, Kalihi area residents, representatives from the
4 public sector, private sector, nonprofit social service
5 organizations, and community-based organizations to establish a
6 framework of community development planning for the Kalihi area.

7 SECTION 6. The commission shall meet quarterly and may
8 hold public meetings as it deems necessary; provided that before
9 holding a public meeting the commission shall provide
10 publication of notice pursuant to section 1-28.5, Hawaii Revised
11 Statutes. A majority of the commission members shall constitute
12 a quorum for its necessary duties. The chair, at the request of
13 a majority of members, may hold special meetings.

14 SECTION 7. It is the intent of this Act not to jeopardize
15 the receipt of any federal aid. If any provision of this Act,
16 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is
17 found to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a
18 prescribed condition for the allocation of federal funds to the
19 State, the provision shall be deemed void; provided that the
20 voided provision shall not affect other provisions or
21 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the



1 voided provision or application, and to this end the provisions
2 of this Act are severable.

3 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Economic Development

Description:

Establishes a temporary Kalihi 21st Century Commission in the Office of Planning. Requires the Commission to develop a community development plan for the development of the Kalihi area on Oahu.

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