

**[CHAPTER 223  
QUALITY GROWTH POLICY]**

Section

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growth

" **[§223-1] Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the development of a policy for the State of Hawaii to halt urban sprawl with its attendant need for costly urban services, to preserve and conserve open space areas, to enhance and protect the environment of Hawaii, and to uplift the quality of life for all its citizens and to provide for implementation of such policy. [L 1972, c 45, §1]

### **Cross References**

State plan, see chapter 226.

### **Law Journals and Reviews**

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24 UH L. Rev. 121 (2001).

" **§223-2 Quality growth policy.** The office of planning shall develop a quality growth policy based upon the following considerations:

- (1) An examination of the environmental impact of proposed urban development;
- (2) The relationship between short-term and long-term environmental quality;
- (3) Any irretrievable commitment of resources through urban development; and
- (4) Alternatives available to minimize adverse environmental effects as balanced against economic development of the State.

The quality growth policy shall include a comprehensive policy framework for directing growth and land use and shall identify State growth objectives and specific operational constraints to further such objectives. [L 1972, c 45, §2; am L 1993, c 213, §2; am L 1996, c 299, §3]

" **§223-3 Diversification of economic development and population growth.** The office of planning shall develop a strategic plan as part of its quality growth policy. The plan shall develop recommendations on dispersing economic development and population growth to prevent overpopulation or overdevelopment of any one county within the State. [L 1993, c 213, §1; am L 1996, c 299, §3]