
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish the
2 Hawaii State Planning Act review commission to update the Hawaii
3 State Planning Act by amending and refocusing the goals,
4 objectives, and policies of the State to reflect current
5 cultural, economic, and societal goals.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding three new sections to part II to be
8 appropriately numbered and to read as follows:

9 "§226-A Establishment of the Hawaii State Planning Act
10 review commission. (a) There shall be a Hawaii State Planning
11 Act review commission, hereinafter called the commission. The
12 commission shall consist of nine members, of which seven shall
13 be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the
14 senate, one member who shall be a member of the senate shall be
15 appointed by the president of the senate, and one member who
16 shall be a member of the house of representatives shall be
17 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.



1 (b) The commission members appointed by the governor shall
2 include persons with expertise in economics, small and large
3 business administration, Hawaiian culture, environmental
4 protection, tourism, and military affairs.

5 (c) The commission shall be attached to the department of
6 business, economic development, and tourism for administrative
7 purposes. The commission shall elect its chairperson from one
8 of its members. Commission members shall receive no
9 compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for
10 actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

11 (d) The commission may enter into contracts with
12 consultants and engage employees necessary to perform its
13 duties, without regard to chapter 76. Departments of the state
14 government shall make available to the commission data and
15 facilities as are necessary for it to perform its duties.

16 §226-B Term of Hawaii state planning act review commission
17 members. A commission shall be appointed on or before July 1,
18 2020, and a new commission shall be appointed on or before July
19 1 every five years thereafter; provided that if any vacancy
20 occurs in the membership of a commission prior to the completion
21 of its duties or dissolution, the appointing authority specified



1 in section 226-A shall appoint a replacement member. The
2 commission shall meet from time to time as necessary to execute
3 its duties. The commission shall dissolve upon the adjournment
4 sine die of the legislature to which it submits the evaluation
5 and recommendations required by section 226-C.

6 §226-C Duties of the Hawaii State Planning Act review
7 commission. Using the information and data provided by the
8 office of planning pursuant to section 226-53, the commission
9 shall conduct a systematic review of this chapter. Thirty days
10 prior to the convening of the second regular session of the
11 legislature after the members of the commission have been
12 appointed, the commission shall submit to the legislature an
13 evaluation of this chapter and recommend policy additions,
14 amendments, or deletions."

15 SECTION 3. Section 226-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

17 "(a) Planning for the State's economy with regard to
18 agriculture shall be directed towards achievement of the
19 following objectives:

20 [~~(1) Viability of Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries.~~]



1 ~~(2)~~ (1) Growth and development of diversified agriculture
2 throughout the State.

3 ~~(3)~~ (2) An agriculture industry that continues to
4 constitute a dynamic and essential component of
5 Hawaii's strategic, economic, and social well-being."

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2020-2021 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

13 SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by section
14 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
15 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
16 the new sections in this Act.

17 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
20 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Planning Act; State Planning Act Review Commission

Description:

Establishes a Hawaii State Planning Act Review Commission to review and make recommendations to the Legislature to update the Hawaii State Planning Act. Removes reference to achieving the viability of Hawaii's sugar and pineapple industries from the Hawaii State Planning Act's agricultural objectives. Appropriates funds. (HB842 HD1)

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