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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND USE.

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

1       SECTION 1. The Legislature finds that the need for  
2 housing, preservation of agricultural lands for food  
3 sustainability, lands for energy production, lands for  
4 recreation and cultural practices, and climate change resiliency  
5 and sustainability set forth in the State 2050 Plan, all of  
6 significant concern, have, and will, increasingly come into  
7 competition with each other for the use of significant portions  
8 of the State's available agricultural lands. In order to ensure  
9 that the needs of the people of Hawaii are met and that the best  
10 lands for agriculture are preserved so that the State can  
11 progress towards meeting its food sustainability goals, be  
12 prepared for climate change, meet its clean energy needs, reduce  
13 its carbon footprint, and meet its sustainability goals while  
14 providing its people with affordable and sustainable housing, a  
15 comprehensive study needs to be undertaken to provide key  
16 answers to the needs of Hawaii's people.



1           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require the office  
2 of planning and sustainable development to conduct a study to  
3 determine and identify lands needed to achieve sustainability  
4 goals while meeting the needs of Hawaii's people.

5           SECTION 2. The office of planning and sustainable  
6 development shall conduct a comprehensive study to examine:

7           (1) How much land is needed to meet the needs of the  
8 people of Hawaii as set forth in the State 2050 Plan,  
9 including:

10           (A) Housing;

11           (B) Food production and sustainability;

12           (C) Energy production;

13           (D) Recreation and cultural practices; and

14           (E) Climate change resiliency;

15           (2) What lands on each of the islands are best suited for  
16 the identified uses and how they are to be allocated;  
17 and

18           (3) How the state can meet its goals for each of the land  
19 uses identified herein.



1       The study shall include a determination of needs and the  
2       acreage necessary to meet the needs of each island with regard  
3       to identified conflicting land uses.

4       The office of planning and sustainable development shall  
5       hold a minimum of two public meetings on Kauai, Oahu, Molokai,  
6       Lanai, Maui, and the island of Hawaii, with at least one meeting  
7       on each island dedicated to community engagement at the outset  
8       of the study and another meeting to present each island with an  
9       initial draft of findings.

10       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11       revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                or so  
12       much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
13       the hiring of staff, retention of planning firms, and contracts  
14       necessary to develop and undertake the study to meet the goals  
15       for this Act.

16       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
17       planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this  
18       Act.

19       SECTION 4. The office of planning and sustainable  
20       development shall submit a report of its findings and  
21       recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



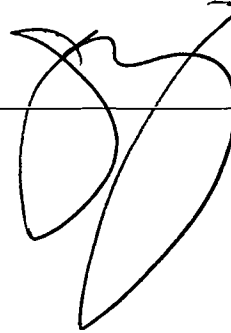
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1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the regular session of 2023.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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# S.B. NO. 2168

**Report Title:**

Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Study;  
Sustainability; State 2050 Plan; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct a study examining the amount of land needed to meet the State 2050 Plan.

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