
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOUSING SHORTAGE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 225M-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The office of planning and sustainable development
4 shall gather, analyze, and provide information to the governor,
5 the legislature, and state and county agencies to assist in the
6 overall analysis and formulation of state policies and
7 strategies to provide central direction and cohesion in the
8 allocation of resources and effectuation of state activities and
9 programs and effectively address current or emerging issues and
10 opportunities. More specifically, the office shall engage in
11 the following activities:

12 (1) State comprehensive planning and program coordination.
13 Formulating and articulating comprehensive statewide
14 goals, objectives, policies, and priorities, and
15 coordinating their implementation through the
16 statewide planning system established in part II of
17 chapter 226;



- 1 (2) Strategic planning. Identifying and analyzing
- 2 significant issues, problems, and opportunities
- 3 confronting the State[7] and formulating strategies
- 4 and alternative courses of action in response to
- 5 identified problems and opportunities by:
- 6 (A) Providing in-depth policy research, analysis, and
- 7 recommendations on existing or potential areas of
- 8 critical state concern;
- 9 (B) Examining and evaluating the effectiveness of
- 10 state programs in implementing state policies and
- 11 priorities;
- 12 (C) Monitoring current social, economic, and physical
- 13 conditions and trends through surveys,
- 14 environmental scanning, and other techniques; and
- 15 (D) Developing, in collaboration with affected public
- 16 or private agencies and organizations,
- 17 implementation plans and schedules and, where
- 18 appropriate, assisting in the mobilization of
- 19 resources to meet identified needs;
- 20 (3) Planning coordination and cooperation. Facilitating
- 21 coordinated and cooperative planning and policy



1 development and implementation activities among state
2 agencies and between the state, county, and federal
3 governments [7] by:

4 (A) Reviewing, assessing, and coordinating, as
5 necessary, major plans, programs, projects, and
6 regulatory activities existing or proposed by
7 state and county agencies;

8 (B) Formulating mechanisms to simplify, streamline,
9 or coordinate interagency development and
10 regulatory processes; and

11 (C) Recognizing the presence of federal defense and
12 security forces and agencies in the State as
13 important state concerns;

14 (4) Statewide planning and geographic information system.
15 Collecting, integrating, analyzing, maintaining, and
16 disseminating various forms of data and information,
17 including geospatial data and information, to further
18 effective state planning, policy analysis and
19 development, and delivery of government services by:

20 (A) Collecting, assembling, organizing, evaluating,
21 and classifying existing geospatial and non-



1 geospatial data and performing necessary basic
2 research, conversions, and integration to provide
3 a common database for governmental planning and
4 geospatial analyses by state agencies;

5 (B) Planning, coordinating, and maintaining a
6 comprehensive, shared statewide planning and
7 geographic information system and associated
8 geospatial database. The office shall be the
9 lead agency responsible for coordinating the
10 maintenance of the [~~multi-agency,~~] multiagency,
11 statewide planning and geographic information
12 system and coordinating, collecting, integrating,
13 and disseminating geospatial data sets that are
14 used to support a variety of state agency
15 applications and other spatial data analyses to
16 enhance decision-making. The office shall
17 promote and encourage free and open data sharing
18 among and between all government agencies. To
19 ensure the maintenance of a comprehensive,
20 accurate, up-to-date geospatial data resource
21 that can be drawn upon for decision-making



1 related to essential public policy issues such as
2 land use planning, resource management, homeland
3 security, and the overall health, safety, and
4 well-being of Hawaii's citizens, and to avoid
5 redundant data development efforts, state
6 agencies shall provide to the shared system
7 either their respective geospatial databases or,
8 at a minimum, especially in cases of secure or
9 confidential data sets that cannot be shared or
10 must be restricted, metadata describing existing
11 geospatial data. In cases where agencies provide
12 restricted data, the office of planning and
13 sustainable development shall ensure the security
14 of that data; and

15 (C) Maintaining a centralized depository of state and
16 national planning references;

17 (5) Land use planning. Developing and presenting the
18 position of the State in all boundary change petitions
19 and proceedings before the land use commission, [and]
20 assisting state agencies in the development and
21 submittal of petitions for land use district boundary



1 amendments, and conducting reviews of the
2 classification and districting of all lands in the
3 State, as specified in chapter 205;

- 4 (6) Coastal and ocean policy management[7] and sea level
5 rise adaptation coordination. Carrying out the lead
6 agency responsibilities for the Hawaii coastal zone
7 management program, as specified in chapter 205A.

8 Also:

9 (A) Developing and maintaining an ocean and coastal
10 resources information, planning, and management
11 system;

12 (B) Further developing and coordinating
13 implementation of the ocean resources management
14 plan;

15 (C) Formulating ocean policies with respect to the
16 exclusive economic zone, coral reefs, and
17 national marine sanctuaries; and

18 (D) Coordinating sea level rise adaptation with state
19 agencies having operational responsibilities over
20 state facilities to identify existing and planned
21 facilities, including critical infrastructure,



1 that are vulnerable to sea level rise, flooding
2 impacts, and natural hazards;

3 (7) Regional planning and studies. Conducting plans and
4 studies to determine:

5 (A) The capability of various regions within the
6 State to support projected increases in both
7 resident populations and visitors;

8 (B) The potential physical, social, economic, and
9 environmental impact on these regions resulting
10 from increases in both resident populations and
11 visitors;

12 (C) The maximum annual visitor carrying capacity for
13 the State by region, county, and island; and

14 (D) The appropriate guidance and management of
15 selected regions and areas of statewide critical
16 concern.

17 The studies in subparagraphs (A) to (C) shall be
18 conducted at appropriate intervals, but not less than
19 once every five years;

20 (8) Regional, national, and international planning.
21 Participating in and ensuring that state plans,



1 policies, and objectives are consistent, to the extent
2 practicable, with regional, national, and
3 international planning efforts;

4 (9) Climate adaptation and sustainability planning and
5 coordination. Conducting plans and studies and
6 preparing reports as follows:

7 (A) Develop, monitor, and evaluate strategic climate
8 adaptation plans and actionable policy
9 recommendations for the State and counties
10 addressing expected statewide climate change
11 impacts identified under chapter 225P and
12 sections 226-108 and 226-109; and

13 (B) Provide planning and policy guidance and
14 assistance to state and county agencies regarding
15 climate change and sustainability;

16 (10) Smart growth and transit-oriented development. Acting
17 as the lead agency to coordinate and advance smart
18 growth and transit-oriented development planning
19 within the State as follows:

20 (A) Identify transit-oriented development
21 opportunities shared between state and county



1 agencies, including relevant initiatives such as
2 the department of health's healthy Hawaii
3 initiative and the Hawaii clean energy
4 initiative;

5 (B) Refine the definition of "transit-oriented
6 development" in the context of Hawaii, while
7 recognizing the potential for smart growth
8 development patterns in all locations;

9 (C) Clarify state goals for transit-oriented
10 development and smart growth that support the
11 principles of the Hawaii State Planning Act by
12 preserving non-urbanized land, improving worker
13 access to jobs, and reducing fuel consumption;

14 (D) Target transit-oriented development areas for
15 significant increase in affordable housing and
16 rental units;

17 (E) Conduct outreach to state agencies to help
18 educate state employees about the ways they can
19 support and benefit from transit-oriented
20 development and the State's smart growth goals;



1 (F) Publicize coordinated state efforts that support
2 smart growth, walkable neighborhoods, and
3 transit-oriented development;

4 (G) Review state land use decision-making processes
5 to identify ways to make transit-oriented
6 development a higher priority and facilitate
7 better and more proactive leadership in creating
8 walkable communities and employment districts,
9 even if transit will only be provided at a later
10 date; and

11 (H) Approve all state agencies' development plans for
12 parcels along the rail transit corridor. For the
13 purposes of this subparagraph, "development
14 plans" means conceptual land use plans that
15 identify the location and planned uses within a
16 defined area; [~~and~~]

17 (11) Environmental review. Performing duties set forth
18 under chapter 343, serving the governor in an advisory
19 capacity on all matters relating to environmental
20 review, and having [~~such~~] powers delegated by the
21 governor as are necessary to coordinate and, when



1 requested by the governor, direct all state
2 governmental agencies in matters concerning
3 environmental quality control, including:

4 (A) Advising and assisting private industries,
5 government [~~department~~] departments and agencies,
6 and other persons on the requirements of chapter
7 343; and

8 (B) Conducting public education programs on
9 environmental quality control;

10 provided that the office shall adopt rules in
11 accordance with chapter 91 to implement this
12 paragraph[-]; and

13 (12) Identification and analysis of existing and projected
14 housing needs. Identifying a quantity of adequate
15 sites for housing, including rental housing, factory-
16 built housing, and emergency shelters, sufficient to
17 meet housing demands for all income levels each year."

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2024-2025 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position
2 within the office of planning and sustainable development.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
4 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
5 Act.

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Housing Shortage; Housing Sites; Housing Demands; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs and identify adequate sites for housing sufficient to meet housing demands for all income levels each year. Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Effective 7/1/2050.

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