

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Development of a Quality Growth Policy for The State of Hawaii and to Provide for the Implementation thereof.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act 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.

SECTION 2. Quality growth policy. The office of the governor shall develop a quality growth policy for the State of Hawaii to effectuate the purpose of this Act based upon criteria which shall include the following considerations:

- (a) an examination of the environmental impact of proposed urban development;
- (b) the relationship between short-term and long-term environmental quality;
- (c) any irretrievable commitment of resources through urban development; and
- (d) 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.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved May 15, 1972.)

*Edited accordingly.