

ACT 103

H.B. NO. 151

A Bill for an Act Relating to Policy Planning.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the importance of developing an effective state plan to implement long-range policies to guide Hawaii's development is as critical in 1977 as it was in 1975, when Act 189 requiring formulation of a state plan was enacted.

The legislature further finds that effective planning must encompass the needs of all citizens, and that a process, to achieve this, must actively involve discussion of alternatives from a wide range of perspectives. The policy council established to advise the director of planning and economic development on formulation, implementation, and review of the state plan can perform a vital role in broadening the base of the planning process.

The legislature notes, however, that membership of the policy council presently consists of state and county agency administrators. With the knowledge that the state plan must address concerns broader than bureaucratic, public agency, and administrative concerns, that the range of concerns should be represented in the policy council's membership, and that planning should involve participants with diverse backgrounds, the purpose of this Act is to expand the policy council to include concerns and perspectives more representative of the people of Hawaii, to the end of creating a plan truly worthy of the people of Hawaii's needs and aspirations.

SECTION 2. Section 225-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**"Sec. 225-3 Policy council.** There is established a policy council. The governor shall appoint one of its members as its chairman. Members of the council shall include:

- (1) The planning director from each county;
- (2) The directors or chairmen from the departments of agriculture, budget and finance, planning and economic development, land and natural resources, health, social services and housing, transportation, office of environmental quality control, land use commission, the superintendent of education, and the executive director of Hawaii housing

authority; and

- (3) Four public members appointed by the governor pursuant to section 26-34.

Expenses incurring by a member participating in council deliberations shall be borne by his respective public agency. Expenses incurred by public members shall be reimbursed by the department of planning and economic development.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

(Approved May 14, 1977.)

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\*Edited accordingly.