

ACT 236

H.B. NO. 177

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii State Planning Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 226-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[]§226-1[]~~ **Findings and purpose.** The legislature finds that there is a need to improve the planning process in this State, to increase the effectiveness of public and private actions, to improve coordination among different agencies and levels of government, to provide for wise use of Hawaii’s resources and to guide the future development of the State.

The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the Hawaii state plan that shall serve as a guide for the future long-range development of the State; identify the goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for the State of Hawaii; provide a basis for determining priorities and allocating limited resources, such as public funds, services, manpower, land, energy, water, and other resources; and assure improve coordination of state and county plans, policies, programs, projects, and regulatory activities[.]; and to establish a system for plan formulation and program coordination to provide for an integration of all major state and county activities.

[The purpose of this chapter is also to establish a system for plan formulation and program coordination to provide for an integration of all major

state and county activities. Implementation provisions contained herein are designed to carry out statewide guidelines presented in the form of the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority directions by:

- (1) Fostering policy integration and coordination of state and county plans, programs, projects, and regulatory activities;
- (2) Defining a statewide planning system and processes; and
- (3) Providing a basis for determining priorities and allocating limited resources.]”

SECTION 2. Section 226-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[]§226-2[] **Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) “Department” means the department of planning and economic development.
- (2) “Policy council” means the council established in section 226-53.
- (3) “Advisory committee” means the committee established in section 226-57 to advise and assist in the formulation of the state functional plans.
- (4) “State agency” means any department, office, board, or commission of the State, or the University of Hawaii.
- (5) “County agency” means any department, office, board, or commission of the county.
- (6) “Hawaii state plan” means a long-range comprehensive plan, including the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, priority guidelines [directions] and implementation mechanisms established in this chapter.
- (7) “Priority [directions] guidelines” means [the overall direction and implementing actions established in this chapter.] those guidelines which shall take precedence when addressing areas of statewide concern.
- (8) “County general plan” means the comprehensive long-range plan or development plan, if any, which has been adopted by ordinance or resolution by a county council.
- (9) “County development plan” means a relatively detailed plan for an area or region within a county to implement the objectives and policies of the county general plan.
- (10) “Functional plan” means a plan setting forth the policies, [programs, and projects designed to implement the objectives of] statewide guidelines, and priorities within a specific field of activity, when such activity or program is proposed, administered, or funded by any agency of the State.

- (11) "State programs" means a combination of actions and activities undertaken by any state agency that are designed, coordinated, and executed to achieve an objective or set of objectives and policies within defined areas of concern.
- (12) "A-95 Clearinghouse" means the agency or agencies designated to carry out the procedures established pursuant to federal directive A-95 whereby certain applications for federal funds are reviewed and affected agencies are notified of the proposed applications.
- (13) "Regional carrying capacity" means the maximum population in a given area that can be adequately supported in an economically and environmentally sound manner.
- (14) For the purposes of sections 226-52, 226-57, and 226-62, "conform", "in conformance with this chapter" or "be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives and policies" means the weighing of the overall theme, goals, objectives and policies of this chapter and a determination that an action, decision, rule or state program is consistent with the overall theme, and fulfills one or more of the goals, objectives or policies of this chapter.
- (15) For the purposes of this chapter, "guidelines" means a stated course of action which is desirable and should be followed unless a determination is made that it is not the most desirable in a particular case; thus, a guideline may be deviated from without penalty or sanction."

SECTION 3. Section 226-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[[§226-51[]] Purpose. The purpose of this part is to establish a statewide planning system to coordinate and guide all major state and county activities and to implement the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines."

SECTION 4. Section 226-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[[§226-52[]] Statewide planning system. (a) The statewide planning system shall consist of the following policies, plans, and programs:

- (1) The overall theme, goals, objectives, and policies established in this chapter shall provide the broad guidelines for the State.
- (2) The priority [directions] guidelines established in this chapter shall provide [direction] guidelines for decision-making by the State and the counties for the immediate future and set priorities for the allocation of resources. [Conformance with the priority directions shall be demonstrated in the formulation, amendment, and imple-

mentation of state functional plans, county general plans and development plans, and state programs.] The formulation and amendment of state functional plans shall be in conformance with the priority guidelines.

- (3) State functional plans shall be prepared for, but not limited to, the areas of agriculture, conservation lands, education, energy, higher education, health, historic preservation, housing, recreation, tourism, transportation, and water resources development. State functional plans shall define, implement, and be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter. County general plans and development plans shall be [used as a basis] taken into consideration in the formulation and amendment of state functional plans.
- (4) County general plans shall indicate desired population and physical development patterns for each county and regions within each county. In addition, county general plans or development plans shall address the unique problems and needs of each county and regions within each county. County general plans or development plans shall further define[, implement, and be in conformance with] the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter. State functional plans which have been adopted by concurrent resolution by the legislature shall be [utilized as guidelines] taken into consideration in amending the county general plans [to be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority directions].
- (5) State programs shall include, but not be limited to, those programs involving coordination and review; research and support; design, construction, and maintenance; services; and regulatory powers. State programs that exercise coordination and review functions shall include, but not be limited to, the state clearinghouse process, capital improvements program, and coastal zone management program. State programs that exercise regulatory powers in resource allocation shall include, but not be limited to, the land use and management programs administered by the land use commission and the board of land and natural resources. State programs shall further define, implement, and be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, and policies, and shall utilize as guidelines the priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter, and the state functional plans adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(b) The statewide planning system shall also consist of several implementation mechanisms:

- (1) The overall review, coordination, and evaluation process. The overall review, coordination, and evaluation shall be conducted by the policy council, with the assistance of the department.
- (2) The state budgetary [and], land use, and other decision-making processes. The state budgetary [and], land use, and other decision-making processes shall consist of:
 - (A) Program appropriations process. The appropriation of funds for major programs under the biennial and supplemental budgets, shall be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, and policies, and shall utilize as guidelines the priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter, and the state functional plans adopted pursuant to this chapter.
 - (B) Capital improvement project appropriations process. The appropriation of funds for major plans and projects under the capital improvements program shall be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, and policies, and shall utilize as guidelines the priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter, and the state functional plans adopted pursuant to this chapter.
 - (C) Budgetary review process of the department of budget and finance. The budgetary review and allocation process of the department of budget and finance shall be in conformance with [the provisions of this chapter] the overall theme, goals, objectives, and policies, and shall utilize as guidelines the priority guidelines contained within this chapter, and the state functional plans adopted pursuant to this chapter.
 - (D) [Decision-making process] Land use decision-making processes of [the] state [land use commission. The] agencies. Land use decisions made by [the land use commission] state agencies shall be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, and policies, and shall utilize as guidelines the priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter, and the state functional plans adopted pursuant to this chapter. The rules [and regulations] adopted by [the land use commission] appropriate state agencies to govern land use decision-making shall be in conformance with the [provisions of this chapter.] overall theme, goals, objectives and policies contained within this chapter.

- (E) [Decision-making process of the board of land and natural resources. The decisions made by the board of land and natural resources shall be in conformance with] All other regulatory and administrative decision-making processes of state agencies shall be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, and¹ policies, and shall utilize as guidelines the priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter, and the state functional plans adopted pursuant to this chapter. [The rules and regulations] Rules adopted by [the board of land and natural resources] state agencies to govern [land use] decision-making shall be in conformance with the [provisions of this chapter.] overall theme, goals, objectives and policies contained within this chapter.
- (3) Other coordination processes which include the use of the A-95 state clearinghouse process. The state clearinghouse shall coordinate the review of all projects requiring federal funding and shall notify the policy council of all proposed projects¹ which conflict with this chapter, or any functional plan adopted under this chapter[, or any county general plans or development plans which are in conformance with the provisions of this chapter].”

SECTION 5. Section 226-54, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[]§226-54[]] **Policy council; duties.** The policy council shall:

- (1) Provide a forum for the discussion of conflicts between and among this chapter, functional plans either adopted by the legislature or to be submitted to the legislature for adoption, county general plans and development plans, and state programs;
- (2) Transmit to the governor, legislature, and the mayors and legislative bodies of the respective counties its findings and recommendations on all conflicts as described above, and on the resolution of conflicts;
- (3) Review and evaluate state functional plans for conformance with the provisions of this chapter, seek to resolve any identified conflicts, and transmit its findings and recommendations to the legislature at the time of submittal of the functional plan;
- (4) Advise the legislature on the administration, amendment, and review of this chapter, including the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter;
- (5) Prepare guidelines for the development of the state functional plans in accordance with sections 226-57 and 226-58;

- (6) Adopt rules in accordance with section 226-56 to provide procedures for public input into the amendment processes and for submittal of proposed amendments;
- (7) Maintain a record of its activities;
- (8) Conduct a comprehensive review of part I of this chapter at least every four years following enactment by the legislature, and part III of this chapter at least every odd-numbered year to coincide with the state budget process commencing in 1981; and
- (9) Prepare an annual review and report to the legislature in accordance with section 226-63.”

SECTION 6. Section 226-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[§226-55[]] **Department of planning and economic development; duties.** The department shall provide assistance and staff services to the policy council in administering this chapter. To further the intent and purpose of this chapter, the department shall:

- (1) Provide recommendations to the policy council on conflicts between and among this chapter, state functional plans either adopted by the legislature or to be submitted to the legislature for adoption, county general plans and development plans, and state programs;
- (2) Review and evaluate this chapter and recommend amendments as needed to the policy council;
- (3) Review, as necessary, major plans, programs, projects, and regulatory activities proposed by state and county agencies, and provide advisory opinions and reports to the policy council as needed;
- (4) Analyze existing state policies, planning and program operations, laws, rules and practices relative to formulation, implementation, and coordination of the state plan;
- (5) Review state capital improvement projects for consistency with this chapter and report findings and recommendations to the governor prior to allocation of funds;
- (6) Conduct special studies and prepare reports that address major policy issues relating to statewide growth and development;
- (7) Cooperate with all public agencies to ensure an ongoing, uniform, and reliable base of data and projections;
- (8) Assist the policy council in conducting a comprehensive review of part I of this chapter at least every four years following enactment by the legislature, and part III of this chapter at least every odd-numbered year commencing in 1981;

- (9) Assist the policy council in preparing and submitting an annual review and report to the legislature in accordance with section 226-63;
- (10) Prepare and adopt in consultation with the policy council, administrative guidelines in accordance with this chapter and chapter 91 [by June 30, 1979]; and
- (11) Provide other technical assistance and staff services to the policy council as needed.

The department may contract with public and private agencies and persons for special research and planning assistance.”

SECTION 7. Section 226-56, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[]§226-56[]] **Amendments to the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions.] guidelines.** The policy council shall promulgate rules for amendments to the goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions.] guidelines, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) Any person may submit to the department proposals for the revision of the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions;] guidelines;
- (2) The department shall review the proposed amendments to the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines and shall submit its findings and recommendations to the policy council;
- (3) The policy council shall submit its final recommendations on the amendments to the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines to the legislature thirty days prior to the convening of the next legislative session following its review of the proposed amendments, along with minority reports, if any; and
- (4) The policy council, in reviewing the proposed amendments of the department, shall make public its findings and recommendations and shall hold public hearings in each county of the State in accordance with chapter 91. There shall be not less than two public hearings in each county on the recommended revisions to the overall theme, goals, objectives, and policies of the state plan; provided that there shall be not less than three public hearings in the city and county of Honolulu and there shall be not less than one public hearing on each of the islands of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai in the county of Maui.”

SECTION 8. Section 226-57, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§226-57 Functional plans; preparation. (a) The state agency head primarily responsible for a given functional area shall prepare the functional plan for the area. In the preparation of the functional plan, the state agency head shall work in close cooperation with the advisory committee, respective officials, and people of each county. In the formulation of the functional plan, the preparing agency shall solicit public views and concerns. The formulation and amendment of a state functional plan shall conform to the [state plan and use as a basis] provisions of this chapter and shall take into consideration the county general plans. Functional plans and any amendments thereto shall be adopted by the legislature by concurrent resolution and shall, upon adoption, provide [direction] guidelines to state and county agencies, provided that in the event of a conflict between the proposed functional plan and general plan of a county, every effort shall be made to determine which of the matters in conflict has the greater merit and recommend modifications by the appropriate state or county agency to the proposed functional plan or county general plan. Where such accord cannot be achieved, the policy council shall prepare a report to the legislature citing the differences and the justification for each of the conflicting positions together with recommendation. Minority reports, if any, may be submitted to the legislature.

(b) The functional plan shall contain objectives to be achieved and policies to be pursued in the primary field of activity and such policies shall address major programs and the location of major facilities. [The functional plan shall also contain implementation priorities and actions which may include, but not be limited to, programs, maps, regulatory measures, standards, and interagency coordination provisions.]

(c) For each functional plan, the governor shall establish an advisory committee, where a committee which meets the criteria set out hereunder is not already in existence, whose membership shall be composed of at least one public official from each county to be nominated by the mayor of each county; members of the public; experts in the field for which a functional plan is being prepared; and state officials. The governor shall request the nominations of each of the respective mayors and shall appoint the public official nominated by the mayor of the respective county to serve on the advisory committee. If the nominations of county officials by a mayor are not submitted to the governor within sixty days following the date of the governor's request for such nominations, the governor shall appoint at least one public official from that county to serve on the advisory committee without nominations from that mayor. The committee shall advise the state agency in preparing a functional plan to be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter. The functional plan, with any recommendations of the advisory committee including minority reports, if any, shall be submitted to the policy council for review and

evaluation. The advisory committee shall serve until the respective functional plan is adopted by the legislature.”

SECTION 9. Section 226-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§226-58 **Functional plans; form and submittal.** (a) Functional plans shall be prepared to [implement] further define and implement statewide guidelines with respect to the goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter [and policy council guidelines developed pursuant to this chapter].

(b) A functional plan shall be submitted to the policy council for review and evaluation at least ninety days prior to the date designated for submittal to the legislature. The policy council shall submit findings and recommendations to the legislature on each functional plan reviewed.

(c) The functional plans for agriculture, housing, tourism, and transportation, with any findings and recommendations of the policy council, shall be submitted not later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 1979 legislature. The functional plans for conservation lands, education, energy, higher education, health, historic preservation, recreation, and water resources development, with any findings and recommendations of the policy council, shall be submitted not later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 1980 legislature.

(d) Upon receipt by the legislature of a functional plan prepared by the appropriate state agency and submitted by the governor, with the findings and recommendations of the policy council, the legislature shall review, modify, and as appropriate, adopt the functional plan by concurrent resolution.

(e) If the legislature fails to adopt such functional plan by concurrent resolution, it shall revert to the state agency of origin for revision and be resubmitted thirty days prior to the convening of the next legislature.”

SECTION 10. Section 226-59, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[§226-59[]] **Functional plans; implementation.** (a) Functional plans shall not be used as a guide [or to implement] nor as a statement or interpretation of state policy unless said plans shall have been approved by the legislature.

(b) The legislature, upon a finding of overriding statewide concern, may determine in any given instance that the site for a specific project may be other than that designated on the county general plan; provided that any proposed facility or project contained in a county general plan shall not require the actual development or implementation of said facility or project or the inclusion of the same in any state functional plan by any state agency. The implementation of

functional plans shall conform to existing laws, rules, and standards, and the provisions of this chapter.”

SECTION 11. Section 226-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[]§226-61[]] **County general plans; preparations.** (a) The county general plans and development plans¹ formulated with input from the state and county agencies as well as the general public.

County general plans or development plans shall indicate desired population and physical development patterns for each county and regions within each county. In addition, county general plans or development plans shall address the unique problems and needs of each county and regions within each county. The county general plans or development plans shall further define [and implement] applicable provisions of this chapter, provided that any amendment to the county general plan of each county shall not be contrary to the county charter. The formulation, amendment, and implementation of county general plans or development plans shall [utilize as guidelines,] take into consideration statewide objectives, policies, and programs stipulated in state functional plans adopted in consonance with this chapter.

(b) County general plans shall be formulated on the basis of sound rationale, data, analyses, and input from state and county agencies and the general public, and contain objectives and policies as required by the charter of each county. Further, the county general plans should:

- (1) Contain objectives to be achieved and policies to be pursued with respect to population density, land use, transportation system location, public and community facility locations, water and sewage system locations, visitor destinations, urban design and all other matters necessary for the coordinated development of each county and regions within each county.
- (2) Contain implementation priorities and actions to carry out policies to include but not be limited to, land use maps, programs, projects, regulatory measures, standards and principles and interagency coordination provisions.

[(c) The county general plans and development plans shall be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority directions contained in this chapter by January, 1982.]”

SECTION 12. Section 226-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[]§226-62[]] **State programs.** (a) [State programs shall be in conformance with this chapter.] The formulation, administration, and implementation of state programs shall be in conformance with the overall theme, goals,

objectives, and policies, and shall utilize as guidelines the priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter, and the state functional plans adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(b) The director of the department of planning and economic development shall assist the governor in assuring that state programs are in conformance with this chapter.”

SECTION 13. Section 226-63, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[]§226-63[]] **Annual review and report.** (a) The policy council, with the assistance of the department, shall prepare an annual report for submittal to the legislature, mayors, and county councils. The annual report shall contain recommendations for legislative consideration and action. Major components of the annual review and report shall include the following:

- (1) An assessment of progress being made in attaining the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter and the state functional plans;
- (2) Recommendations [to further implement this chapter and] to improve coordination between and among the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority [directions] guidelines contained within this chapter, county general plans and development plans, state functional plans, and state programs; and
- (3) An assessment of legislation and programs of the preceding calendar year that have major statewide or countywide impact in terms of their consistency with this chapter.

(b) Prior to the submittal of the annual report to the legislature and the counties, the department shall hold public informational meetings in each county of the State, provided that in the county of Maui there shall be at least one public hearing on Lanai and Molokai.

(c) The annual review and report shall be submitted to the legislature, mayors, and the county councils no later than February 1 of each year.”

SECTION 14. Section 226-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[]§226-101[]] **Purpose.** The purpose of this part is to establish [an] overall priority [direction and implementing actions] guidelines to address areas of statewide concern.”

SECTION 15. Section 226-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[]§226-103[]] **Economic [implementing actions.] priority guidelines.** (a) Priority [actions] guidelines in the area of general business and finance:

- (1) Stimulate the economy to provide needed jobs for Hawaii's people without stimulating unnecessary in-migration.
- (2) Support business expansion and development to achieve a stable and diversified economy.
- (3) Seek different means to assist new and existing businesses in obtaining loans.
- (4) Assist in the development and commercialization of technological advancements.
- (5) Assist local producers in competing with mainland producers.
- (6) Lessen the financial burden on businesses.
- (7) Promote Hawaii as an attractive market for investment activities that benefit Hawaii's people.
- (b) Priority [actions] guidelines for the visitor industry:
 - (1) Foster a social environment which enhances the Aloha Spirit by minimizing inconveniences to Hawaii's people and visitors.
 - (2) Protect the economic health and quality of the visitor industry.
 - (3) Maintain or enhance the quality of existing and future hotels and resort destination areas which conform with regional carrying capacities and state policies providing for adequate shoreline setbacks and beach access.
 - (4) Provide incentives to encourage existing hotel owners to upgrade, repair and maintain visitor facilities.
 - (5) Preserve and enhance Hawaii's significant natural environmental and scenic, historic, and cultural sites.
 - (6) Develop and maintain career opportunities in the visitor industry for Hawaii's people, with emphasis on managerial positions.
 - (7) Adopt a tourism functional plan and management organization to implement tourism plan policies.
 - (8) Coordinate effective tourism promotion abroad.
 - (9) Maintain and enhance visitor satisfaction.
- (10) Maintain and encourage a more favorable resort investment climate consistent with the objectives of this chapter.
- (11) Support law enforcement activities that provide a safer environment for both visitors and residents alike.
- (c) Priority [actions] guidelines for the sugar and pineapple industries:
 - (1) Provide adequate agricultural lands to ensure the economic viability of the sugar and pineapple industries.
 - (2) Continue efforts to maintain federal support to provide stable sugar prices high enough to allow profitable operations in Hawaii.
 - (3) Support research and development, as appropriate, to improve the quality and production of sugar and pineapple crops.

(d) Priority [actions] guidelines for diversified agriculture and aquaculture:

- (1) Seek to protect prime agricultural and aquacultural land through affirmative and comprehensive programs.
- (2) Seek federal assistance to increase water supply and to improve transmission, storage, and irrigation facilities to promote diversified agriculture and aquaculture.
- (3) Assist small independent farmers in securing land and loans.
- (4) Assist in the formation and operation of production and marketing associations and cooperatives to reduce production and marketing costs.
- (5) Encourage and assist with the development of a waterborne and airborne freight and cargo system capable of meeting the needs of Hawaii's agricultural community.
- (6) Encourage the use of public and private resources to develop agricultural and aquacultural activities which have economic growth potential.
- (7) Explore new agricultural industries and encourage the expansion of existing agricultural industries that can provide jobs and profitable long-term use of land.
- (8) Seek favorable freight rates for Hawaii's agricultural products from interisland and overseas transportation operators.
- (9) Continue the development of agricultural parks.
- (10) Expand vocational training programs in agriculture and aquaculture.
- (11) Assist in providing adequate, reasonably priced water for existing agricultural activities.
- (12) Require agricultural uses in agricultural subdivisions and closely monitor the uses in these subdivisions.
- (13) Encourage the expansion of the statewide agricultural base through the promotion of products for export and local consumption.

(e) Priority [action] guideline for developing economic activities to encourage the development of industries which promise long-term growth potential¹ and which have the following characteristics:

- (1) An industry that can take advantage of Hawaii's unique location and available manpower resources.
- (2) A clean industry that would have minimal effects on Hawaii's environment.
- (3) An industry that is willing to hire and train Hawaii's people to meet the industry's labor needs.
- (4) An industry that would provide reasonable income and steady employment.

(f) Priority [actions] guidelines for the construction industry:

- (1) Promote a consistent and stable level of construction activity.
- (2) Explore alternatives for more effective management of the growth and development of the State's construction industry.
- (3) Encourage the streamlining of the building and development permit and review process.

(g) Priority [action] guideline for the shipping industry shall be to continue to seek legislation to protect Hawaii from shipping interruptions between Hawaii and the continental United States.

(h) Priority [actions] guidelines for water use and development:

- (1) Encourage water conservation to reduce the per capita water consumption rate through education and the promotion of conservation awareness.
- (2) Assist agriculture in determining the feasibility of using wastewater effluent to irrigate crops.
- (3) Encourage restriction of new urban development in areas where water supply is insufficient for both agricultural and domestic uses.
- (4) Pursue the improvement of irrigation technology to increase the effective and efficient use of water.
- (5) Increase the support for research and development of alternative water sources.

(i) Priority [actions] guidelines for energy use and development:

- (1) Encourage the development of alternative energy sources.
- (2) Encourage development of a program to promote conservation of energy use in the State.
- (3) Encourage future urbanization into easily serviceable, more compact, concentrated developments in existing urban areas wherever feasible to maximize energy conservation.
- (4) Encourage consumer education programs to reduce energy waste and to increase awareness for the need to conserve energy.
- (5) Encourage the use of energy conserving technology and appliances in homes and other buildings.
- (6) Explore possible incentives to encourage the use of alternate energy sources in homes and other buildings.
- (7) Encourage the development and use of energy and cost-efficient transportation systems.

(j) Priority [actions] guidelines for manpower training and development:

- (1) Encourage more effective career counseling and guidance in high schools and post-secondary institutions to inform students of present and future career opportunities.
- (2) Encourage the allocation of educational resources to career areas where high employment growth is expected.

- (3) Encourage the expansion of technological research to assist industry development.
- (4) Pursue the establishment of Hawaii's university as the research and training center of the Pacific."

SECTION 16. Section 226-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[]§226-104[] Population growth and distribution [implementing actions.] priority guidelines. (a) Priority [actions] guidelines to effect desired statewide growth:

- (1) Manage population growth rates throughout the State consistent with available and planned resource capacities.
- (2) Encourage hiring of Hawaii's people by firms doing business in the State.
- (3) Seek federal legislation which would provide federal moneys for social programs, training, housing, and public services to each state proportionate to the number of immigrants received by the State.
- (4) Seek to provide for adequate housing to meet the needs of Hawaii's people without encouraging an additional influx of people.
- (5) Encourage continued low birth rate among Hawaii's populations.
- (b) Priority [actions] guidelines to influence statewide growth distribu-

tion:

- (1) Manage a growth rate for Hawaii's economy that will parallel future employment needs for Hawaii's people.
- (2) Plan the development and availability of land and water resources in a coordinated manner so as to provide for the desired levels of growth in each geographical area.
- (3) Encourage the location of state and federal agencies on neighbor islands, as appropriate.
- (4) Encourage major state investments to promote economic development and private investment to the neighbor islands, as appropriate.
- (5) Encourage CIP expenditures, public services, and housing developments that recognize the needs and preferences of the counties.
- (6) Explore the possibility of making available urban land, low-interest loans, and housing subsidies to encourage selective economic and population growth on the neighbor islands.
- (7) Seek federal funds and other funding sources outside the state for research, program development, and training to provide future employment opportunities on the neighbor islands.
- (c) Priority [actions] guidelines for regional growth distribution:
 - (1) Pursue rehabilitation of appropriate urban areas.

- (2) Encourage urban growth primarily to existing urban areas where adequate public facilities are already available or can be provided with reasonable public expenditures. Secondly, encourage urban growth away from areas where other important benefits are present, such as protection of valuable agricultural land or preservation of life styles.
- (3) In order to preserve green belts, give priority to state capital expenditures that encourage locating urban development within existing urban areas in accordance with the following: funding for transportation activities that serve the needs of existing urban areas; allocation of water for urban uses to areas within urban areas; and wherever possible, locate state buildings and facilities within urban centers close to public transportation; except where compelling public interest dictates development of a non-contiguous new urban core.
- (4) Direct future urban development away from critical environmental areas or impose mitigating measures so that negative impacts on the environment would be minimal.
- (5) Identify critical environmental areas in Hawaii to include but not be limited to the following: watershed and recharge areas; wildlife habitats (on land and in the ocean); areas with endangered species of plants and wildlife; natural streams and water bodies; scenic and recreational shoreline resources; open space and natural areas; historic and cultural sites; areas particularly sensitive to reduction in water and air quality; and scenic resources.
- (6) Encourage the location of new industrial development to existing and planned urban areas.
- (7) Seek participation from the private sector for the cost of building infrastructure, utilities, and open spaces.
- (8) Encourage the identification of all areas within the respective jurisdictions where priority should be given to preserving rural character and lifestyle.
- (9) Coordinate planning for wastewater and solid waste disposal with state and county growth objectives.”

SECTION 17. Section 226-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[]§226-105[] Hawaii’s land resources. Priority [actions] guidelines for the use of Hawaii’s resources:

- (1) Preserve and improve shoreline open spaces and scenic resources.
- (2) Seek to utilize Hawaii’s limited land resources wisely in order to insure the protection of the environment and the availability of the

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shoreline, conservation lands and other limited resources for future generations.

- (3) Seek to accommodate urban growth in existing urban areas while maintaining agricultural lands in agricultural designation.”

SECTION 18. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 19. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 4, 1984.)

Note

1. So in original.