ACT 90

S.B. NO. 2357

A Bill for an Act Relating to Section 13 of Act 380, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Act 380, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, as amended by Act 3, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, is amended by amending section 13 to read as follows:

"SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that no new safe harbor agreements, habitat conservation plans, or incidental take licenses issued pursuant to [sections] section 195D-4, 195D-21, or 195D-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be approved or issued subsequent to July 1, [2007.] 2012."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved May 10, 2006.)

ACT 91

S.B. NO. 2599

A Bill for an Act Relating to Appeals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 205-5.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

"(g) Any decision made by an appropriate county authority or the board pursuant to a public hearing or hearings under this section may be appealed directly on the record to the [supreme] intermediate appellate court for final decision and shall not be subject to a contested case hearing. Sections 91-14(b) and (g) shall govern the appeal, notwithstanding the lack of a contested case hearing on the matter. The appropriate county authority or the board shall provide a court reporter to produce a transcript of the proceedings at all public hearings under this section for purposes of an appeal."

SECTION 2. Section 235-114, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§235-114 Appeals. (a) Any person aggrieved by any assessment of the tax or liability imposed by this chapter may appeal from the assessment in the manner and within the time hereinafter set forth. Appeal may be made either to the district board of review or to the tax appeal court. The first appeal to either the district board of review or to the tax appeal court may be made without payment of the tax so assessed. Either the taxpayer or the assessor may appeal to the tax appeal court from a decision by the board or to [an] the intermediate appellate court from a decision by the tax appeal court; provided that if the decision by the board or the tax appeal court is appealed by the taxpayer, or the decision by the board in favor of the department is not appealed, the taxpayer shall pay the tax so assessed plus interest as provided in section 231-39(b)(4).

(b) If the appeal is first made to the board, the appeal shall either be heard by the board or be transferred to the tax appeal court for hearing at the election of the taxpayer or employer. If heard by the board, an appeal shall lie from the decision thereof to the tax appeal court and to the intermediate appellate court, subject to chapter 602, in the manner and with the costs provided by chapter 232. The supreme court shall prescribe forms to be used in the appeals. The forms shall show:

(1) The amount of taxes or liability upon the basis of the taxpayer's computation of the taxpayer's taxable income or the employer's computation of the employer's liability;

(2) The amount upon the basis of the assessor's computation;

(3) The amount upon the basis of the decisions of the board of review and tax appeal court, if any; and

(4) The amount in dispute.

If or when the appeal is filed with or transferred to the tax appeal court, the court shall proceed to hear and determine the appeal, subject to appeal to the intermediate appellate court as is provided in chapter 232.