

**ACT 5**

**H.B. NO. 1509**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to Water Management.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 174C-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

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“(d) The water resource protection plan shall include[;] but not be limited to:

- (1) Nature and occurrence of water resources in the State;
- (2) Hydrologic units and their characteristics, including the quantity and quality of available resource, requirements for beneficial in-stream uses and environmental protection, desirable uses worthy of preservation by permit, and undesirable uses for which permits may be denied;
- (3) Existing and contemplated uses of water, as identified in the water use and development plans of the State and the counties, their impact on the resource, and their consistency with objectives and policies established in the water resource protection and water quality plans;
- (4) Programs to conserve, augment, and protect the water resource[; and, including plans for storm water management, reuse, reclamation, and remediation; and
- (5) Other elements necessary or desirable for inclusion in the plan.

Thereafter, the commission, in coordination with the counties and the department of health, shall formulate an integrated coordinated program for the protection, conservation, and management of the waters in each county based on the above studies. This program, with such amendments, supplements, and additions as may be necessary, shall be known as the water resource protection and water quality plans.

Thereafter, each county shall prepare a water use and development plan and the appropriate state agency shall prepare the state water projects plan.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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 April 26, 2017.)