THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HOUSING SHORTAGE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 225M-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 3 "(b) The office of planning and sustainable development 4 shall gather, analyze, and provide information to the governor, 5 the legislature, and state and county agencies to assist in the 6 overall analysis and formulation of state policies and 7 strategies to provide central direction and cohesion in the 8 allocation of resources and effectuation of state activities and 9 programs and effectively address current or emerging issues and

10 opportunities. More specifically, the office shall engage in 11 the following activities:

12 (1) State comprehensive planning and program coordination.
13 Formulating and articulating comprehensive statewide
14 goals, objectives, policies, and priorities, and
15 coordinating their implementation through the
16 statewide planning system established in part II of
17 chapter 226;





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1		deve	lopment and implementation activities among state		
2		agen	agencies and between the state, county, and federal		
3		governments[7] by:			
4		(A)	Reviewing, assessing, and coordinating, as		
5			necessary, major plans, programs, projects, and		
6			regulatory activities existing or proposed by		
7			state and county agencies;		
8		(B)	Formulating mechanisms to simplify, streamline,		
9			or coordinate interagency development and		
10			regulatory processes; and		
11		(C)	Recognizing the presence of federal defense and		
12			security forces and agencies in the State as		
13			important state concerns;		
14	(4)	Stat	ewide planning and geographic information system.		
15		Coll	ecting, integrating, analyzing, maintaining, and		
16		diss	eminating various forms of data and information,		
17		incl	uding geospatial data and information, to further		
18		effe	ctive state planning, policy analysis and		
19		deve	lopment, and delivery of government services by:		
20		(A)	Collecting, assembling, organizing, evaluating,		
21			and classifying existing geospatial and non-		



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geospatial data and performing necessary basic 1 research, conversions, and integration to provide 2 3 a common database for governmental planning and geospatial analyses by state agencies; 4 Planning, coordinating, and maintaining a 5 (B) comprehensive, shared statewide planning and 6 7 geographic information system and associated geospatial database. The office shall be the 8 9 lead agency responsible for coordinating the 10 maintenance of the [multi-agency,] multiagency, 11 statewide planning and geographic information 12 system and coordinating, collecting, integrating, 13 and disseminating geospatial data sets that are 14 used to support a variety of state agency applications and other spatial data analyses to 15 enhance decision-making. The office shall 16 17 promote and encourage free and open data sharing 18 among and between all government agencies. To 19 ensure the maintenance of a comprehensive, 20 accurate, up-to-date geospatial data resource 21 that can be drawn upon for decision-making



1 related to essential public policy issues such as 2 land use planning, resource management, homeland 3 security, and the overall health, safety, and 4 well-being of Hawaii's citizens, and to avoid 5 redundant data development efforts, state 6 agencies shall provide to the shared system 7 either their respective geospatial databases or, 8 at a minimum, especially in cases of secure or 9 confidential data sets that cannot be shared or 10 must be restricted, metadata describing existing 11 geospatial data. In cases where agencies provide 12 restricted data, the office of planning and 13 sustainable development shall ensure the security 14 of that data; and 15 (C) Maintaining a centralized depository of state and 16 national planning references; 17 (5) Land use planning. Developing and presenting the 18 position of the State in all boundary change petitions 19 and proceedings before the land use commission, [and] 20 assisting state agencies in the development and 21 submittal of petitions for land use district boundary



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1		amen	dments, and conducting reviews of the
2		clas	sification and districting of all lands in the
3		Stat	e, as specified in chapter 205;
4	(6)	Coas	tal and ocean policy management[$ au$] and sea level
5		rise	adaptation coordination. Carrying out the lead
6		agen	cy responsibilities for the Hawaii coastal zone
7		mana	gement program, as specified in chapter 205A.
8		Also:	
9		(A)	Developing and maintaining an ocean and coastal
10			resources information, planning, and management
11			system;
12		(B)	Further developing and coordinating
13			implementation of the ocean resources management
14			plan;
15		(C)	Formulating ocean policies with respect to the
16			exclusive economic zone, coral reefs, and
17			national marine sanctuaries; and
18		(D)	Coordinating sea level rise adaptation with state
19			agencies having operational responsibilities over
20			state facilities to identify existing and planned
21			facilities, including critical infrastructure,



1		that are vulnerable to sea level rise, flooding
2		impacts, and natural hazards;
3	(7)	Regional planning and studies. Conducting plans and
4		studies to determine:
5		(A) The capability of various regions within the
6		State to support projected increases in both
7		resident populations and visitors;
8		(B) The potential physical, social, economic, and
9		environmental impact on these regions resulting
10		from increases in both resident populations and
11		visitors;
12		(C) The maximum annual visitor carrying capacity for
13		the State by region, county, and island; and
14		(D) The appropriate guidance and management of
15		selected regions and areas of statewide critical
16		concern.
17		The studies in subparagraphs (A) to (C) shall be
18		conducted at appropriate intervals, but not less than
19		once every five years;
20	(8)	Regional, national, and international planning.
21		Participating in and ensuring that state plans,



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1		policies, and objectives are consistent, to the extent	
2		practicable, with regional, national, and	
3		international planning efforts;	
4	(9)	Climate adaptation and sustainability planning and	
5		coordination. Conducting plans and studies and	
6		preparing reports as follows:	
7		(A) Develop, monitor, and evaluate strategic climate	
8		adaptation plans and actionable policy	
9		recommendations for the State and counties	
10		addressing expected statewide climate change	
11		impacts identified under chapter 225P and	
12		sections 226-108 and 226-109; and	
13		(B) Provide planning and policy guidance and	
14		assistance to state and county agencies regarding	
15		climate change and sustainability;	
16	(10)	Smart growth and transit-oriented development. Acting	
17		as the lead agency to coordinate and advance smart	
18		growth and transit-oriented development planning	
19		within the State as follows:	
20		(A) Identify transit-oriented development	
21		opportunities shared between state and county	



1		agencies, including relevant initiatives such as
2		the department of health's healthy Hawaii
3		initiative and the Hawaii clean energy
4		initiative;
5	(B)	Refine the definition of "transit-oriented
6		development" in the context of Hawaii, while
7		recognizing the potential for smart growth
8		development patterns in all locations;
9	(C)	Clarify state goals for transit-oriented
10		development and smart growth that support the
11		principles of the Hawaii State Planning Act by
12		preserving non-urbanized land, improving worker
13		access to jobs, and reducing fuel consumption;
14	(D)	Target transit-oriented development areas for
15		significant increase in affordable housing and
16		rental units;
17	(E)	Conduct outreach to state agencies to help
18		educate state employees about the ways they can
19		support and benefit from transit-oriented
20		development and the State's smart growth goals;



1		(F)	Publicize coordinated state efforts that support
2			smart growth, walkable neighborhoods, and
3			transit-oriented development;
4		(G)	Review state land use decision-making processes
5			to identify ways to make transit-oriented
6			development a higher priority and facilitate
7			better and more proactive leadership in creating
8			walkable communities and employment districts,
9			even if transit will only be provided at a later
10			date; and
11		(H)	Approve all state agencies' development plans for
12			parcels along the rail transit corridor. For the
13			purposes of this subparagraph, "development
14			plans" means conceptual land use plans that
15			identify the location and planned uses within a
16			defined area; [and]
17	(11)	Envi	ronmental review. Performing duties set forth
18		unde	r chapter 343, serving the governor in an advisory
19		capa	city on all matters relating to environmental
20		revi	ew, and having [such] powers delegated by the
21		gove	rnor as are necessary to coordinate and, when



1		requested by the governor, direct all state
2		governmental agencies in matters concerning
3		environmental quality control, including:
4		(A) Advising and assisting private industries,
5		government [department] departments and agencies,
6		and other persons on the requirements of chapter
7		343; and
8		(B) Conducting public education programs on
9		environmental quality control;
10		provided that the office shall adopt rules in
11		accordance with chapter 91 to implement this
12		paragraph[-]; and
13	(12)	Identification and analysis of existing and projected
14		housing needs. Identifying a quantity of adequate
15		sites for housing, including rental housing, factory-
16		built housing, and emergency shelters, sufficient to
17		meet housing demands for all income levels each year."
18	SECT	ION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: BESC



Report Title: Housing Shortage; Housing Sites; Housing Demands

Description:

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs and identify adequate sites for housing sufficient to meet housing demands for all income levels each year.

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