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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAZARDOUS LAND.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4           "§46-    Hazardous land areas. (a) Each county shall  
5 inventory all lands that are within the urban district or  
6 conservation district or subject to a petition to put the land  
7 in the urban district to determine whether any of these lands  
8 within the county are hazardous land areas. For purposes of  
9 this section, "hazardous land areas" shall include areas in  
10 urban use or potential urban use that are susceptible to rock or  
11 land slides that could cause serious injury or property damage.

12           (b) Each county shall adopt standards for urban  
13 development in hazardous land areas, including but not limited  
14 to:

15           (1) The prohibition of certain land uses and activities  
16           that are permitted in a hazardous land area;



1        (2) The establishment of necessary buffer zones for  
2        permitted uses or existing uses within hazardous land  
3        areas;

4        (3) Special building standards and requirements for all  
5        structures in hazardous land areas; and

6        (4) The need for reinforced barriers, screening, or other  
7        measures to prevent rock or land slides in already  
8        developed hazardous land areas.

9        (c) Each county shall enact zoning, subdivision, and  
10       building ordinances to implement the hazardous land areas  
11       standards it develops pursuant to this section."

12       SECTION 2. Each county shall inventory its land and adopt  
13       ordinances in accordance with this Act within one year of the  
14       effective date of this Act.

15       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Zoning; Hazardous Land Areas

**Description:**

Requires each county to identify hazardous land areas, adopt standards for building in hazardous land areas, and enact ordinances to implement standards by 6/30/08.

