HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 391

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 2 3 4	RELATING TO LAND DEVELOPMENT.
5 6 7	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:
8	SECTION 1. Chapter 520, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
10	and to read as follows:
11	"§520- Land with slope of twenty per cent or more;
12	strict liability. An owner or developer of any property with a
13	slope of twenty per cent or more shall be strictly liable for
14	any damage or injury to property or persons caused by the
15	movement of any rocks or earthen material from the owner's or
16	developer's property to down hill properties."
17	SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
18	matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
19	begun, before its effective date.
20	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
21	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title: Real Estate Development; Liability

Description:

Creates strict liability for a land owner or developer of land with a slope of 20% or more for damage or injury to down-slope property and persons from falling rocks, debris, and landslides.

