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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 343-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "significant effect" to
3 read as follows:

4 "Significant effect" means the sum of effects on the
5 quality of the environment, including actions that irrevocably
6 commit a natural resource, curtail the range of beneficial uses
7 of the environment, are contrary to the State's environmental
8 policies or long-term environmental goals as established by law,
9 or adversely affect the economic welfare, social welfare, or
10 cultural practices of the community and State. "Significant
11 effect" shall not include or require consideration of secondary
12 impacts on the environment that may result from government
13 action. This latter provision is retroactive to enactment of
14 this chapter."

15 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Environmental Impact Statements

Description:

Amends the definition of "significant effect" to exclude secondary impacts that may result from government action, and makes this amendment retroactive.

