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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PLANNING.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that given Hawaii's  
2 limited natural resources, the implementation of smart growth  
3 principles, including the preservation of open space, is crucial  
4 to the sustainability of the islands. There are ten principles  
5 of smart growth:
- 6           (1) Creating a range of housing opportunities and choices;
  - 7           (2) Creating walkable neighborhoods;
  - 8           (3) Encouraging community and stakeholder collaboration;
  - 9           (4) Fostering distinctive, attractive communities with a  
10           strong sense of place;
  - 11           (5) Making development decisions predictable, fair, and  
12           cost-effective;
  - 13           (6) Mixing land uses;
  - 14           (7) Preserving open space, farmland, natural beauty, and  
15           critical environmental areas;
  - 16           (8) Providing a variety of transportation choices;



1           (9)   Strengthening and directing development toward  
2                   existing communities; and

3           (10)  Taking advantage of compact building design.

4           Smart growth principles are most successful when the State  
5 makes systemic changes that are consistent with these principles  
6 in community planning and development as well as land  
7 preservation.  Several other states have implemented similar  
8 programs successfully.  For example, Maryland has implemented a  
9 series of legislation promoting smart growth, and Florida has  
10 implemented a greenways and trails program to provide more  
11 recreational opportunities and venues.

12           The purpose of this Act is to promote smart growth and  
13 sustainability in the State by requiring the office of planning  
14 to develop a plan to establish a statewide system of greenways  
15 and trails.

16           SECTION 2.  (a)  The office of planning shall develop a  
17 plan to establish a statewide system of greenways and trails  
18 that shall consist of individual greenways and trails and  
19 networks of greenways and trails.

20           (b)  The office of planning shall:



- 1           (1) Coordinate with the department of transportation and  
2           the department of land and natural resources in its  
3           efforts to develop a plan for a statewide system of  
4           greenways and trails;
- 5           (2) Seek input from the counties regarding:
- 6           (A) The establishment of a system of greenways and  
7           trails for each county;
- 8           (B) The areas in each county that may be appropriate  
9           to designate as a greenway or trail; and
- 10          (C) The various impediments to establishing a system  
11          of greenways and trails in each county;
- 12          (3) Investigate and explore other jurisdictions that have  
13          established and implemented a system of greenways and  
14          trails;
- 15          (4) Investigate and consider, in consultation with the  
16          department of transportation, the use of  
17          transportation enhancement funds to establish and  
18          implement a statewide system of greenways and trails;  
19          and
- 20          (5) Establish a timeline for implementing a statewide  
21          system of greenways and trails.



1 (c) The office of planning shall submit a written report  
2 to the legislature of its findings and recommendations,  
3 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days  
4 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.



**Report Title:**

Greenways and Trails; Smart Development

**Description:**

Requires the Office of Planning to establish a statewide system of greenways and trails. Effective July 1, 2011. (HB1405 CD1)

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