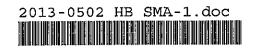
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated			
3	and to re	and to read as follows:		
4	" <u>§20</u>	1H- Infrastructure program. (a) There is		
5	<u>establish</u>	ed within the corporation an infrastructure program.		
6	The progr	am shall have the authority to:		
7	(1)	Make grants in its discretion to municipalities for:		
8		design; construction; building; land acquisition;		
9		rehabilitation; repair; and other improvements to		
10		publicly-owned infrastructure, including but not		
11		limited to: sewers; utility extensions; streets;		
12		roads; curb cuts; parking; water treatment systems;		
13		telecommunications systems; transit improvements; and		
14		pedestrian and bicycle ways;		
15	(2)	Make grants in its discretion for commercial and		
16		residential transportation and infrastructure		
17		development, improvements, and various capital		



1		investment projects under the growth districts
2		initiative administered by the corporation;
3	(3)	Make grants in its discretion to match other public
4		and private funding sources to build or rehabilitate
5		transit-oriented housing located within one-quarter-
6		mile of a bus transit station or ferry terminal or
7		one-half mile of a rail transit station; provided that
8		at least fifty per cent of such housing shall be
9		affordable housing; and
10	. (4)	Assist municipalities in developing and advancing
11		projects that support job creation and expansion,
12		housing developments and rehabilitation, community
13		development, and small-town transportation projects;
14		provided that projects supporting smart growth as
15		defined by the State's sustainable development
16		principles shall be preferred.
17	<u>(b)</u>	Grants made pursuant to this section shall only be for
18	projects	affecting publicly-owned infrastructure located on
19	public la	nd. Projects using grants made pursuant to this
20	section s	hall be procured by a municipality.
21	<u>(c)</u>	The corporation shall provide at least one open
22	solicitat	ion period every year to accept and consider grant
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1	applications. Not less than twelve weeks before each open		
2	solicitation period, the corporation shall release to the public		
3	the criteria for the acceptance of applications. The criteria		
4	shall include the following:		
5	(1) A minimum project readiness standard;		
6	(2) Overall spending targets by project type;		
7	(3) Preferences for projects that adopt the State's		
8	sustainable development principles; and		
9	(4) Any other preferences or criteria the corporation		
10	deems necessary or desirable.		
11	Grants may be made outside of the open solicitation period at		
12	the discretion of the executive director. The corporation shall		
13	consult with the appropriate regional planning agency prior to		
14	making a grant.		
15	(d) An eligible municipality, acting by and through its		
16	officers or by and through any agency designated by municipal		
17	officers to act on their behalf, may apply for a grant in a		
18	specific amount to fund a specified project. Two or more		
19	municipalities may apply jointly with one municipality acting as		
20	fiscal agent or through a regional planning agency acting as		
21	fiscal agent. Grants made under this section may be in addition		



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1	to other forms of local, state, and federal assistance received
2	by the municipality.
3	(e) At least ten per cent of the grant funds made annually
4	by the corporation shall be to assist towns with populations of
5	twenty thousand or less in undertaking projects to design,
6	construct, reconstruct, widen, resurface, rehabilitate, and
7	improve roads or bridges or for the construction of agricultural
8	facilities that support economic or community development.
9	Grants to such towns shall not exceed \$1,000,000 and no town
10	shall receive more than one grant every three fiscal years. Two
11	or more towns eligible under this subsection may file a joint
12	application for a single project serving those towns; provided
13	that the total amount distributed to any one town shall not
14	exceed the maximum amount allowed under this subsection. A
15	town's receipt of a grant pursuant to a joint application shall
16	not preclude it from receiving additional funds under a separate
17	application.
18	(f) The executive director shall establish rules in
19	accordance with chapter 91 to govern the application for and
20	approval of grants under the program. The rules shall include
21	provisions for joint applications by two or more eligible



1	municipal	ties for a single project serving those
2	municipal	ities.
3	<u>(g)</u>	The executive director shall include in its annual
4	report to	the legislature, pursuant to section 201H-21(3), the
5	activities	s and status of the program. The report shall include
6	<u>a list and</u>	d description of all projects that received grant funds
7	under the	program and for each project shall provide the
8	following	information:
9	(1)	The amount of the grant received;
10	(2)	Any other sources of public funds that supported the
11		project;
12	(3)	A detailed analysis of the economic impact of the
13		project including, where applicable, the number of
14		construction and full-time equivalent jobs to be
15		created, number of housing units to be created, and
16		identification of any private investment in the
17		project; and
18	(4)	Tax revenues expected to be generated from the
19		project."
20	SECT	ION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title: Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Infrastructure Program; Grants to Municipalities and Towns

Description:

Establishes an infrastructure program within the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to make grants and provide assistance to municipalities for infrastructure projects on public land. Requires at least ten percent of grants be made to towns with populations of twenty thousand or less. Requires the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to adopt rules pertaining to the application for and approval of grants. Requires the executive director of the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to report annually to the legislature.

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