

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.

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

| 1 | SECT | ION 1. Section 205A-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is | |
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| 2 | amended b | y amending the definition of "development" to read as | |
| 3 | follows: | | |
| 4 | ""Development" means any of the uses, activities, or | | |
| 5 | operation | s on land or in or under water within a special | |
| 6 | managemen | t area that are included below: | |
| 7 | (1) | Placement or erection of any solid material or any | |
| 8 | | gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste; | |
| 9 | (2) | Grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of | |
| 10 | | any materials; | |
| 11 | (3) | Change in the density or intensity of use of land, | |
| 12 | | including but not limited to the division or | |
| 13 | | subdivision of land; | |
| 14 | (4) | Change in the intensity of use of water, ecology | |
| 15 | | related thereto, or of access thereto; and | |
| 16 | (5) | Construction, reconstruction, demolition, or | |
| 17 | | alteration of the size of any structure. | |

| 1 | "Dev | elopment" does not include the following: |
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| 2 | (1) | Construction or reconstruction of a single-family |
| 3 | | residence that is less than [seven] two thousand five |
| 4 | | hundred square feet of floor area and is not part of a |
| 5 | | larger development; |
| 6 | (2) | Repair or maintenance of roads and highways within |
| 7 | | existing rights-of-way; |
| 8 | (3) | Routine maintenance dredging of existing streams, |
| 9 | | channels, and drainage ways; |
| 10 | (4) | Repair and maintenance of underground utility lines, |
| 11 | | including but not limited to water, sewer, power, and |
| 12 | | telephone and minor appurtenant structures such as pac |
| 13 | | mounted transformers and sewer pump stations; |
| 14 | (5) | Zoning variances, except for height, density, parking, |
| 15 | | and shoreline setback; |
| 16 | (6) | Repair, maintenance, or interior alterations to |
| 17 | | existing structures; |
| 18 | (7) | Demolition or removal of structures, except those |
| 19 | | structures located on any historic site as designated |
| 20 | | in national or state registers; |

| 1 | (8) | Use of any land for the purpose of cultivating, |
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| 2 | | planting, growing, and harvesting plants, crops, |
| 3 | | trees, and other agricultural, horticultural, or |
| 4 | | forestry products or animal husbandry, or aquaculture |
| 5 | | or mariculture of plants or animals, or other |
| 6 | | agricultural purposes; |
| 7 | (9) | Transfer of title to land; |
| 8 | (10) | Creation or termination of easements, covenants, or |
| 9 | | other rights in structures or land; |
| 10 | (11) | Final subdivision approval; provided that in counties |
| 11 | | that may automatically approve tentative subdivision |
| 12 | | applications as a ministerial act within a fixed time |
| 13 | | of the submission of a preliminary plat map, unless |
| 14 | | the director takes specific action, a special |
| 15 | | management area use permit if required, shall be |
| 16 | | processed concurrently with an application for |
| 17 | | tentative subdivision approval or after tentative |
| 18 | • | subdivision approval and before final subdivision |
| 19 | | approval; |
| 20 | (12) | Subdivision of land into lots greater than twenty |
| 21 | | acres in size; |

| 1 | (13) | Subdivision of a parcel of land into four or fewer |
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| 2 | | parcels when no associated construction activities are |
| 3 | | proposed; provided that any land that is so subdivided |
| 4 | | shall not thereafter qualify for this exception with |
| 5 | | respect to any subsequent subdivision of any of the |
| 6 | | resulting parcels; |
| 7 | (14) | Installation of underground utility lines and |
| 8 | , | appurtenant aboveground fixtures less than four feet |
| 9 | | in height along existing corridors; |
| 10 | (15) | Structural and nonstructural improvements to existing |
| 11 | | single-family residences, where otherwise permissible; |
| 12 | (16) | Nonstructural improvements to existing commercial |
| 13 | | structures; and |
| 14 | (17) | Construction, installation, maintenance, repair, and |
| 15 | | replacement of emergency management warning or signal |
| 16 | | devices and sirens; |
| 17 | provided | that whenever the authority finds that any excluded |
| 18 | use, acti | vity, or operation may have a cumulative impact, or a |
| 19 | significa | nt environmental or ecological effect on a special |
| 20 | managemen | t area, that use, activity, or operation shall be |
| 21 | defined a | s "development" for the purpose of this part." |

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1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Special Management Areas; Development Exception

Description:

Amends the maximum size of a residence, the construction or reconstruction of which is excluded from the definition of development for special management area purposes from 7,500 square feet to 2,500 square feet.

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