
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VACANT LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are numerous
2 vacant parcels of state land within the 96817 zip code area on
3 the island of Oahu. Many of these parcels have become dumping
4 grounds for bulk trash and have attracted other illegal
5 behavior.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot project to
7 identify the vacant lands in one zip code area and to explore
8 the possibility of converting those vacant lands into resources
9 that will deter crime and benefit the community, such as
10 community gardens, parks, lending libraries, and food pantries.

11 SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation shall
12 establish the vacant lands for community use pilot project. The
13 purpose of the pilot project shall be to identify small parcels
14 of vacant state lands, solicit input from the community for
15 proposals to convert those lands into resources that will deter
16 crime and benefit the community, and convert the use of the land



1 to certain specified uses if community consensus on a proposed
2 use of a parcel is reached.

3 (b) The department of transportation shall compile a list
4 of real property parcels owned or controlled by the department
5 of transportation within the 96817 zip code area that are
6 classified as urban or rural pursuant to section 205-2, Hawaii
7 Revised Statutes, and are not used as a roadway, highway,
8 parking lot, or government office, along with the status of use
9 for each parcel for fiscal years 2018-2020.

10 (c) The department of transportation shall solicit input
11 from the community regarding proposed uses of vacant parcels
12 identified pursuant to subsection (b). If a community consensus
13 is reached on a use of any vacant parcel, the department of
14 transportation may convert the use of that parcel pursuant to
15 the agreed upon use. No later than twenty days prior to the
16 convening of the regular session of 2020, the department of
17 transportation shall submit a report to the legislature. The
18 report shall include:

19 (1) Proposed uses of vacant parcels within the 96817 zip
20 code area, which may include community gardens, parks,
21 lending libraries, and food pantries;



(2) A description of any parcels for which the use of the
parcel has been converted pursuant to this Act;

(3) Other findings or recommendations deemed relevant by
the department of transportation;

(4) Proposed legislation, if any; and

(5) A recommendation on whether the pilot project should
be made permanent, modified, or terminated.

(d) The department of transportation shall adopt rules
pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry out
the purposes of this Act.

(e) The pilot project shall terminate on June 30, 2020.

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

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

DOT; Vacant Land; Community Use; Pilot Project; Report

Description:

Establishes a pilot project to identify vacant Department of Transportation parcels within the 96817 zip code area and to propose uses for those parcels to deter crime and benefit the community. Requires a report.

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