
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 State of Hawaii. Many
3 of these parcels have become dumping grounds for bulk trash and
4 have attracted other illegal behavior.

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

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



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

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

17 (1) Proposed uses of vacant parcels within State, which
18 may include community gardens, parks, lending
19 libraries, and food pantries;

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



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

3 (4) Proposed legislation, if any; and

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

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

9 (e) The pilot project shall terminate on July 1, 2050.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

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

Description:

Establishes a pilot project to identify vacant Department of Transportation parcels within the State and to propose uses for those parcels to deter crime and benefit the community.

Requires a report to the Legislature. (HB2647 HD1)

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