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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND DEVELOPMENT.

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

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PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's 3 population has declined each year over the past three years, an unprecedented situation that has not happened since Hawaii 4 became a state in 1959. A significant portion of this 5 6 population loss can be attributed to the State's high cost of 7 living and lack of affordable dwellings. The legislature 8 further finds that housing costs continue to rise, keeping 9 homeownership outside the reach of many Hawaii residents.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide 11 solutions to expeditiously develop housing for working families 12 in the State.

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PART II

SECTION 2. The purpose of this part is to make amendments to chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to:

16 (1) Authorize the Hawaii housing finance and development
 17 corporation to lease real property for a period not to



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1		exceed ninety-nine years for development projects that
2		include affordable housing;
3	(2)	Require the Hawaii housing finance and development
4		corporation to identify state lands that can be
5		developed for multi-unit dwellings;
6	(3)	Authorize the issuance of \$200,000,000 in general
7		obligation bonds, with the proceeds used for the
8		establishment of regional infrastructure with the
9		primary purpose of supporting the development of
10		housing on lands owned by the university of Hawaii
11		near or adjacent to the university of Hawaii West Oahu
12		campus; and
13	(4)	Authorize the issuance of \$75,000,000 in general
14		obligation bonds for infrastructure for affordable
15		housing in counties having a population of less than
16		500,000.
17	SECT	ION 3. Section 201H-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18	amended t	o read as follows:
19	"[+]	§201H-9[+] Acquisition, use, and disposition of
20	property.	(a) The corporation may acquire any real or personal
21	property	or interest therein by purchase, exchange, gift, grant,

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lease, or other means from any person or government to provide
 housing. Exchange of real property shall be in accordance with
 section 171-50.

4 (b) The corporation may own or hold real property. All 5 real property owned or held by the corporation shall be exempt from mechanic's or materialman's liens and also from levy and 6 7 sale by virtue of an execution, and no execution or other 8 judicial process shall issue against the same nor shall any 9 judgment against the corporation be a charge or lien upon its 10 real property; provided that this subsection shall not apply to 11 or limit the right of obligees to foreclose or otherwise enforce 12 any mortgage of the corporation or the right of obligees to 13 pursue any remedies for the enforcement of any pledge or lien 14 given by the corporation on its rents, fees, or revenues. The 15 corporation and its property shall be exempt from all taxes and 16 assessments.

17 (c) The corporation may lease real property set aside by
18 the governor to the corporation or leased to the corporation by
19 any department or agency of the State for a period not to exceed
20 ninety-nine years; provided that:



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1	(1)	Any lease granted pursuant to this subsection shall be
2		issued only for the development of multi-unit
3		dwellings; and
4	(2)	Any development project that is granted a lease shall
5		reserve at least fifty per cent of the development's
6		dwelling units for affordable housing.
7	For the p	urpose of this subsection:
8	<u>"Aff</u>	ordable housing" means housing that is affordable to
9	household	s having incomes at or below one hundred forty per cent
10	of the ar	ea median income as determined by the United States
11	Departmen	t of Housing and Urban Development.
12	"Con	dominium project" means a development of multi-unit
13	dwellings	where separate dwelling units are offered for sale;
14	provided	that the sale of a dwelling unit shall not include any
15	fee simpl	e interest in the real property upon which the project
16	has been i	built.
17	"Dev	elopment of multi-unit dwellings" and "development
18	project"	shall include the development of a condominium project.
19	[-(e)] <u>(d)</u> The corporation may lease or rent all or a
20	portion of	f any housing project and establish and revise the
21	rents or o	charges therefor. The corporation may sell, exchange,

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1	transfer,	assi	gn, or pledge any property, real or personal, or
2	any interest therein to any person or government.		
3	[-(d)	-] <u>(e)</u>	The corporation may insure or provide for the
4	insurance	e of i	ts property or operations against risks as it
5	deems adv	isabl	.e."
6	SECT	ION 4	. (a) The Hawaii housing finance and development
7	corporati	on sh	all submit a report to the legislature that:
8	(1)	Ider	tifies state lands that may be developed for
9		mult	i-unit dwellings;
10	(2)	Incl	udes the estimated cost of planning, designing,
11		and	constructing multi-unit dwellings on the lands
12		iden	tified in paragraph (1), including the costs of
13		inst	alling necessary infrastructure; and
14	(3)	Prop	oses a priority listing of the lands identified in
15		para	graph (1) based on:
16		(A)	Cost of development;
17		(B)	Demand for affordable housing in the county in
18			which the land is situated;
19		(C)	Availability of existing infrastructure to
20			support the development; and
21		(D)	Any other relevant factors.



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(b) The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation
 shall submit the report of its findings and recommendations,
 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
 of 2021.

6 (c) Each state or county agency shall provide to the
7 Hawaii housing finance and development corporation any
8 information the Hawaii housing finance and development
9 corporation deems necessary to prepare the report required by
10 this section.

SECTION 5. The director of finance is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$275,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be deposited into the dwelling unit revolving fund established pursuant to section 201H-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the dwelling unit revolving fund the sum of \$200,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the establishment of regional infrastructure for the primary purpose of supporting development of housing on lands owned by the university of

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Hawaii that are near or adjacent to the university of Hawaii 1 2 West Oahu campus; provided that: 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii (1)4 housing finance and development corporation for the 5 purposes of this part; and 6 (2) The appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the 7 fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; 8 provided that all moneys from the appropriation 9 unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as of 10 that date. 11 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the dwelling unit 12 revolving fund the sum of \$75,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the establishment of 13 14 infrastructure to support the development for affordable housing 15 in counties with a population of less than 500,000; provided 16 that: 17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii (1) 18 housing finance and development corporation for the 19 purposes of this part; and

20 (2) The appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the
21 fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made;



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1 provided that all moneys from the appropriation 2 unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as of 3 that date. 4 PART III 5 SECTION 8. The purpose of this part is to authorize any 6 person, including a state or county department or agency, to 7 petition the appropriate county land use decision-making 8 authority, rather than the land use commission, for a change in 9 the boundary of a district involving land areas between fifteen acres and twenty-five acres where the majority of the 10 11 development will be for affordable housing. 12 SECTION 9. Section 201H-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 14 "(b) The corporation may develop public land in an agricultural district subject to the prior approval of the land 15 16 use commission, when developing lands greater than fifteen acres 17 in size, and public land in a conservation district subject to 18 the prior approval of the board of land and natural 19 resources [-]; provided that the corporation may develop lands 20 having an area between fifteen acres and twenty-five acres using 21 the process established pursuant to section 205-3.1(e). The



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1 corporation shall not develop state monuments, historical sites, 2 or parks. When the corporation proposes to develop public land, 3 it shall file with the department of land and natural resources 4 a petition setting forth the purpose for the development. The petition shall be conclusive proof that the intended use is a 5 public use superior to that which the land has been 6 7 appropriated." 8 SECTION 10. Section 205-3.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 9 amended to read as follows: 10 "§205-3.1 Amendments to district boundaries. (a) 11 [District] Except as provided in subsection (e), district 12 boundary amendments involving lands in the conservation 13 district, land areas greater than fifteen acres, or lands 14 delineated as important agricultural lands shall be processed by 15 the land use commission pursuant to section 205-4. 16 Any department or agency of the State, and department (b) 17 or agency of the county in which the land is situated, or any 18 person with a property interest in the land sought to be 19 reclassified may petition the appropriate county land use 20 decision-making authority of the county in which the land is 21 situated for a change in the boundary of a district involving



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lands less than fifteen acres presently in the rural and urban
 districts and lands less than fifteen acres in the agricultural
 district that are not designated as important agricultural
 lands.

5 (c) District boundary amendments involving land areas of fifteen acres or less, except as provided in subsection (b), 6 7 shall be determined by the appropriate county land use decision-8 making authority for the district and shall not require 9 consideration by the land use commission pursuant to section 10 205-4; provided that [such] the boundary amendments and approved 11 uses are consistent with this chapter. The appropriate county 12 land use decision-making authority may consolidate proceedings 13 to amend state land use district boundaries pursuant to this 14 subsection, with county proceedings to amend the general plan, 15 development plan, zoning of the affected land, or [such] other 16 proceedings. Appropriate ordinances and rules to allow 17 consolidation of [such] proceedings may be developed by the 18 county land use decision-making authority.

19 (d) The county land use decision-making authority shall
20 serve a copy of the application for a district boundary
21 amendment to the land use commission and the department of



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business, economic development, and tourism and shall notify the 1 2 commission and the department of the time and place of the 3 hearing and the proposed amendments scheduled to be heard at the 4 hearing. A change in the state land use district boundaries pursuant to this subsection shall become effective on the day 5 designated by the county land use decision-making authority in 6 its decision. Within sixty days of the effective date of any 7 decision to amend state land use district boundaries by the 8 9 county land use decision-making authority, the decision and the 10 description and map of the affected property shall be transmitted to the land use commission and the department of 11 12 business, economic development, and tourism by the county 13 planning director.

14 (e) Not withstanding any other provision of this section
15 to the contrary, a person may petition the appropriate county
16 decision making authority in the county in which the land is
17 situated for a change in the boundary of a district involving
18 lands comprising twenty-five acres or less; provided that the
19 majority of the development for which the boundary change is
20 sought shall be for affordable housing.



1	(f) Parceling of lands for development shall be prohibited
2	for the purposes of subsection (e). If lands that have been
3	parceled are proposed for reclassification, the petition for
4	reclassification shall be processed as lands greater than
5	fifteen or twenty-five acres, pursuant to section 205-4.
6	(g) Before a county land use decision-making authority
7	grants a petition for reclassification pursuant to subsection
8	(e), the county land use decision-making authority shall make a
9	clear finding, based on the evidence submitted, that the land
10	subject to a petition for reclassification has not been
11	parceled. Any land that has parceled shall be reverted back to
12	the land's original land use classification.
13	(h) As used in this section, "parceling" means the
14	subdivision of lands greater than twenty-five acres into two or
15	more parcels, more than one of which is then proposed for
16	reclassification within a ten-year period from the date of the
17	subdivision."
18	SECTION 11. Section 205-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
20	"(a) Any department or agency of the State, any department
21	or agency of the county in which the land is situated, or any

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1 person with a property interest in the land sought to be 2 reclassified $[\tau]$ may petition the land use commission for a 3 change in the boundary of a district. This section applies to all petitions for changes in district boundaries of lands within 4 conservation districts, lands designated or sought to be 5 6 designated as important agricultural lands, and lands greater 7 than fifteen acres in the agricultural, rural, and urban 8 districts, except as provided in [section] sections 201H-38[-] 9 and 205-3.1(e). The land use commission shall adopt rules 10 pursuant to chapter 91 to implement section 201H-38." SECTION 12. Section 205-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 11

12 amended by amending subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows: 13 [Special] Except as provided in section 205-3.1(e), "(đ) 14 special permits for land the area of which is greater than fifteen acres or for lands designated as important agricultural 15 16 lands shall be subject to approval by the land use commission. 17 The land use commission may impose additional restrictions as 18 may be necessary or appropriate in granting the approval, 19 including the adherence to representations made by the 20 applicant.



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1	(e) [A] Except for district boundary changes made through
2	an appropriate county decision-making authority pursuant to
3	section 205-3.1(e), a copy of the decision, together with the
4	complete record of the proceeding before the county planning
5	commission on all special permit requests involving a land area
6	greater than fifteen acres or for lands designated as important
7	agricultural lands, shall be transmitted to the land use
8	commission within sixty days after the decision is rendered.
9	Within forty-five days after receipt of the complete record
10	from the county planning commission, the land use commission
11	shall act to approve, approve with modification, or deny the
12	petition. A denial either by the county planning commission or
13	by the land use commission, or a modification by the land use
14	commission, as the case may be, of the desired use shall be
15	appealable to the circuit court of the circuit in which the land
16	is situated and shall be made pursuant to the Hawaii rules of
17	civil procedure."
18	PART IV
10	CECUTON 12 The number of this next is to all a the

19 SECTION 13. The purpose of this part is to allow the20 department of land and natural resources state historic

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preservation division to delegate the responsibility of historic
 preservation project reviews to the respective counties.

3 SECTION 14. Section 6E-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "S6E-42 Review of proposed projects. (a) Except as provided in section 6E-42.2, before any agency or officer of the 6 7 State or its political subdivisions approves any project 8 involving a permit, license, certificate, land use change, 9 subdivision, or other entitlement for use[, which] that may 10 affect historic property, aviation artifacts, or a burial site, 11 the agency or office shall advise the department and prior to 12 any approval allow the department an opportunity for review and 13 comment on the effect of the proposed project on historic 14 properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites, consistent with 15 section 6E-43, including those listed in the Hawaii register of 16 historic places. If:

17 (1) The proposed project consists of corridors or large18 land areas;

19 (2) Access to properties is restricted; or

20 (3) Circumstances dictate that construction be done in
21 stages,



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1 the department's review and comment may be based on a phased review of the project; provided that there shall be a 2 3 programmatic agreement between the department and the project applicant that identifies each phase and the estimated timelines 4 5 for each phase. 6 (b) The department shall inform the public of any project 7 proposals submitted to it under this section that are not 8 otherwise subject to the requirement of a public hearing or 9 other public notification. 10 (c) The department may delegate responsibility for review 11 and comment of projects pursuant to this section, and any 12 administrative rules adopted thereunder, to the respective 13 counties; provided that the department has certified that the 14 county has: 15 (1) Adopted an ordinance to govern the county's review 16 process that is consistent with the requirements of 17 this section and with any administrative rules adopted 18 pursuant thereto; 19 (2) Hired qualified professional staff who meet standards 20 established by the department to conduct the reviews;

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1	(3)	Established sufficient internal organizational
2		controls to ensure that the qualified professional
3		staff can make independent determinations regarding
4		the effects of projects on historic properties;
5	(4)	Ensured that the qualified professional staff can
6		function in a manner that does not create a conflict
7		of interest or an appearance of a conflict of
8		interest;
9	(5)	Provided for appropriate public notification in a
10		manner consistent with standards established by the
11		department; and
12	(6)	Entered into a written agreement with the department
13		memorializing the delegation to the county;
14	provided	that the delegation of authority shall automatically be
15	suspended	or terminated if the county fails to retain its
16	qualified	professional staff or if it becomes apparent that the
17	county do	es not have sufficient staffing capacity to complete
18	the delega	ated reviews in a timely manner.
19	<u>(d)</u>	The department shall not delegate reviews or comments
20	to the con	unty for projects affecting properties listed in the
21	<u>Hawaii re</u>	gister of historic places or the national register of



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1	historic	places, or for projects subject to review under section
2	<u>6E-43.</u>	
3	(e)	The department may establish a program to certify
4	third-par	ty individuals and organizations to review documents
5	prior to	submission of the documents to the department for
6	review.	A review by a third party shall ensure that the
7	informati	on submitted is complete and complies with the
8	departmen	t's documentation requirements and that any
9	accompany	ing data and analysis supports recommendations made in
10	the submi	ssion. All third-party reviews shall be conducted in
11	accordanc	e with the following requirements:
12	(1)	Staff who conduct the reviews shall meet professional
13		qualifications and standards established by the
14		department;
15	(2)	Individuals and organizations that apply for
16		certification shall demonstrate that they have
17		established sufficient internal organizational
18		controls to ensure that the qualified professional
19		staff can make independent determinations regarding
20		the effects of projects on historic properties and can
21		function in a manner that does not create a conflict



1		of interest or an appearance of a conflict of	
2		interest; and	
3	(3) Individuals or organizations certified to conduct		
4		third-party document reviews that precede the	
5		department's review shall be independent from the	
6		individual or organization that drafted or generated	
7		the documents.	
8	[-(e)]] (f) The department shall adopt rules in accordance	
9	with chap	ter 91 to implement this section."	
10		PART V	
11	SECT	ION 15. The purpose of this part is to establish the	
12	office of	the housing ombudsman, which shall be funded by the	
13	dwelling u	unit revolving fund.	
14	SECT	ION 16. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by	
15	adding a r	new chapter to title 13 to be appropriately designated	
16	and to rea	ad as follows:	
17		"CHAPTER	
18		HOUSING OMBUDSMAN	
19	§ -	-1 Office of the housing ombudsman; qualifications;	
20	duties.	(a) There is established the office of the housing	
21	ombudsman,	, to be placed within the department of business,	

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1	economic devel	opment, and tourism for administrative purposes
2	only. The off	ice shall be headed by the housing ombudsman and
3	funded by the	dwelling unit revolving fund established pursuant
4	to section 201	H-191. The housing ombudsman shall be appointed
5	by the governo	or to serve a term of four years concurrent with
6	the term of th	e governor. This appointment shall not be subject
7	to senate conf	irmation.
8	(b) The	housing ombudsman shall develop, advocate for, and
9	implement poli	cies to solve Hawaii's housing shortage by:
10	(1) Anal	yzing solutions and programs to address the
11	Stat	e's need for housing that is affordable for all
12	econ	omic segments of the State, including but not
13	limi	ted to programs or proposals regarding the:
14	(A)	Financing, acquisition, rehabilitation,
15		preservation, conversion, or construction of
16		housing;
17	(B)	Use of publicly owned land and buildings as sites
18		for affordable housing;
19	(C)	Identification of state and local regulatory
20		barriers to the development and placement of
21		housing;



1		(D)	Stimulation of public and private sector and
2			intergovernmental cooperation in the development
3			of housing;
4		(E)	Equitable geographic distribution of housing for
5			all economic segments;
6		(F)	Examination of successful housing policies from
7			jurisdictions, nationally and internationally,
8			and methods to adapt these policies to the State;
9		(G)	Unique circumstances for special needs
10			populations;
11		(H)	Provision of infrastructure for existing and
12			future housing needs;
13		(I)	Preservation and enhancement of the character of
14			the State's unique cultures and communities;
15		(J)	Correction of distortions in the housing market;
16		(K)	Prevention of the erosion of housing stock due to
17			speculation, transient accommodations and short-
18			term vacation rentals, and other phenomena; and
19		(L)	Diversity of communities across the State;
20	(2)	Cons	idering homeownership and rental housing as viable
21		opti	ons for the provision of housing;

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1	(3)	Considering various types of residential construction
2		and innovation housing options, including but not
3		limited to manufactured housing;
4	(4)	Reviewing, evaluating, and making recommendations
5		regarding existing and proposed housing programs and
6		initiatives, including but not limited to tax
7		policies, land use policies, and financing programs;
8	(5)	Incorporating feedback and concerns from all
9		stakeholders in the State's housing crisis;
10	(6)	Attracting and retaining future generations and
11		industries through the provision of abundant and
12		affordable housing;
13	(7)	Engaging and educating the public on housing policies
14		and programs;
15	(8)	Facilitating the development process by serving as a
16		comprehensive guide for housing developers through all
17		parts of the development process;
18	(9)	Establishing a consolidated permit application and
19		process to facilitate the expedited processing of
20		affordable housing development projects;



1	(10)	Addressing complaints and issues concerning public
2		housing;
3	(11)	Encouraging state and county housing agencies to
4		explore the potential or expanded use of development
5		and hold mechanisms, such as community land trusts,
6		land banks, and master leases, to preserve public
7		lands under long term leases or in perpetuity for
8		affordable housing; and
9	(12)	Facilitating redevelopment and rehabilitation of
10		existing state public housing units."
11	SECT	ION 17. Section 201H-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended b	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
13	"(a)	There is created a dwelling unit revolving fund. The
14	funds app	ropriated for the purpose of the dwelling unit
15	revolving	fund and all moneys received or collected by the
16	corporati	on for the purpose of the revolving fund shall be
17	deposited	in the revolving fund. The proceeds in the revolving
18	fund shall be used [to]:	
19	(1)	To reimburse the general fund to pay the interest on
20		general obligation bonds issued for the purposes of

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the revolving fund[, for]; HB LRB 20-0618-2.doc

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1	(2)	For the necessary expenses in administering housing
2		development programs and regional state infrastructure
3		programs[, and for carrying] <u>;</u>
4	(3)	To carry out the purposes of housing development
5		programs and regional state infrastructure programs,
6		including but not limited to the expansion of
7		community facilities and regional state infrastructure
8		constructed in conjunction with housing and mixed-use
9		transit-oriented development projects, permanent
10		primary or secondary financing, and supplementing
11		building costs, federal guarantees required for
12		operational losses, and all things required by any
13		federal agency in the construction and receipt of
14		federal funds or low-income housing tax credits for
15		housing projects[-]; and
16	(4)	To fund the office of the housing ombudsman pursuant
17		to section -1."
18	SECT	ION 18. One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position
19	within th	e department of business, economic development, and

21 ombudsman established pursuant to section 16 of this part to

tourism shall be transferred to the office of the housing



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establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position of the
 housing ombudsman; provided that the position shall be funded by
 the dwelling unit revolving fund pursuant to section 201H-191,
 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

PART VI

6 SECTION 19. The purpose of this part is to remove the 7 statutory cap on the amount of conveyance tax revenues that are 8 deposited into the rental housing revolving fund each fiscal 9 year.

10 SECTION 20. Section 247-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 11 amended to read as follows:

12 "§247-7 Disposition of taxes. All taxes collected under 13 this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general fund of the State, to be used and expended for 14 15 the purposes for which the general fund was created and exists 16 by law; provided that of the taxes collected each fiscal year: 17 (1) Ten per cent or \$6,800,000, whichever is less, shall 18 be paid into the land conservation fund established 19 pursuant to section 173A-5; and

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1 (2) Fifty per cent [or \$38,000,000, whichever is less,] 2 shall be paid into the rental housing revolving fund 3 established by section 201H-202." 4 PART VII 5 SECTION 21. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that 6 7 were begun before its effective date. 8 SECTION 22. If any provision of this Act, or the 9 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held 10 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or 11 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the 12 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions 13 of this Act are severable. 14 SECTION 23. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 16 SECTION 24. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020. 17 INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to lease real property for a period not to exceed 99 years for the development of certain projects that include affordable housing. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to submit a report to the legislature that identifies all state lands that may be developed for multiunit dwellings. Authorizes the issuance of \$200,000,000 in general obligation bonds, with the proceeds used for the establishment of infrastructure to support the development of housing on lands near the University of Hawaii West Oahu campus. Authorizes the issuance of \$75,000,000 in general obligation bonds, with the proceeds used for affordable housing infrastructure in counties with a resident population of 500,000 or less. Authorizes a state or county department or agency to petition the appropriate county land use decision-making authority, rather than the Land Use Commission, for a change in the boundary of a district involving land areas between 15 acres and 25 acres where the majority of the development will be for affordable housing. Authorizes the State Historic Preservation Division to delegate the responsibility of historic preservation project reviews to the impacted county. Establishes the Office of the Housing Ombudsman. Removes the existing statutory cap on the amount of conveyance tax revenues that are deposited into the rental housing revolving fund each fiscal year.

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