
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE STATE OF HAWAII OFFICE OF PLANNING AND THE
HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR
THEIR AWARD-WINNING HAWAII STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TRANSIT-
ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, preparation of a strategic plan for transit-
2 oriented development on state lands was one of the first duties
3 charged to the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented
4 Development (TOD), a twenty-five-member advisory body
5 established by Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii OFFICE OF PLANNING AND HAWAII
8 HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, co-chairs of the
9 Hawaii Interagency Council for TOD, received three awards from
10 the American Planning Association, Hawaii Chapter, in their 2019
11 Chapter Awards Program; and
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13 WHEREAS, the annual awards from the American Planning
14 Association, Hawaii Chapter, recognizes individuals,
15 communities, private organizations, public agencies, and
16 professional planning and design firms whose work exemplifies
17 the planning profession's highest goals and ideals; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Strategic Plan for TOD was selected for
20 the Outstanding Planning Award, which recognizes a project,
21 process, or program that exemplifies excellence in planning; the
22 plan also received the Economic Development Planning Award with
23 its advocacy for greater use of financial tools to support TOD
24 implementation; and
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26 WHEREAS, the OFFICE OF PLANNING AND HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE
27 AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION also earned the Public Agency Award
28 which honors the work of public sector planning agencies that
29 have continually produced a program of exceptional work that has
30 elevated awareness about planning; and



1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Strategic Plan for TOD provides a
2 dynamic framework for the State to create a unified vision and
3 approach to the development of its properties; the core of this
4 vision is the strategic use of state facilities and properties
5 as anchor civic institutions that catalyze other public and
6 private investments in the creation of compact, dense,
7 opportunity-rich, and walkable communities that are served by
8 public and multimodal transportation; and
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10 WHEREAS, proposed TOD investments encompass sixty-five
11 projects statewide, including mixed-use affordable housing,
12 Aloha Stadium redevelopment, mixed-use civic centers, University
13 of Hawaii campus enhancements, transit hubs, and TOD-serving
14 infrastructure; and
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16 WHEREAS, in developing the Hawaii Strategic Plan for TOD,
17 the OFFICE OF PLANNING AND HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND
18 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION accomplished the daunting task of
19 gathering a large number of state and county agencies with
20 diverse institutional missions and mandates to develop a
21 coordinated, collaborative, long-range program for the
22 implementation of statewide TOD-supportive projects and policy
23 initiatives; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
27 2020, that this body hereby congratulates the OFFICE OF PLANNING
28 AND HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION for
29 earning the 2019 American Planning Association, Hawaii Chapter's
30 Outstanding Planning, Economic Development Planning, and Public
31 Agency Awards and expresses to them its appreciation for their
32 work in producing the Hawaii Strategic Plan for TOD, which will
33 serve to revitalize neighborhoods, increase affordable housing,
34 and improve access to public facilities and services - all
35 critical to the success of the State in addressing the
36 development challenges Hawaii faces, including limited land
37 supply, high development costs, aging infrastructure, and a
38 persistent and critical shortage of affordable and rental
39 housing.
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