# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 421J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 3 and to read as follows:
- 4 "§421J- Landscaping. (a) No owner shall be prevented
- 5 by any association document, however worded, from utilizing
- 6 xeriscaping at the owner's unit. No sub-association shall be
- 7 prevented by any association document, however worded, from
- 8 utilizing xeriscaping in a common area controlled by the
- 9 sub-association pursuant to the declaration.
- 10 (b) Any provision in any association document contrary to
- 11 the intent of this section shall be void and unenforceable.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "xeriscaping" means the
- 13 practice of designing landscapes to reduce or eliminate the need
- 14 for irrigation by replacing grassy lawns with soil, rocks,
- 15 mulch, and drought-tolerant plant species, including
- 16 drought-tolerant native plant species."

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SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.

## Report Title:

Planned Community Associations; Landscaping; Xeriscaping

### Description:

Prohibits planned community associations from prohibiting an owner or a sub-association from utilizing xeriscaping. Voids any provision in an association document that prohibits xeriscaping. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

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