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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§343-       Certain affordable housing developments;  
5 exemption; qualifications. (a) The construction of a new  
6 affordable housing project that:

- 7           (1) Is subject to this chapter due solely to it proposing  
8           a use of state or county lands or funds or a use  
9           within the Waikiki Special District;  
10          (2) Is located within the state urban land use district;  
11          (3) Is consistent with existing county zoning  
12          classifications that allow housing; and  
13          (4) Does not require a variance for a shoreline setback  
14          and is not located in an environmentally sensitive  
15          area,



1 shall be considered as a general type of action eligible for  
2 exemption pursuant to sections 11-200-1 through 11-200-15,  
3 Hawaii Administrative Rules.

4 (b) This section shall apply to the development, planning,  
5 permitting, and construction of all new affordable housing  
6 projects that occur after the effective date of this Act.

7 (c) As used in this section:

8 "Affordable housing project" has the same meaning as  
9 defined by the applicable controlling law for the state or  
10 county agency that is either developing or approving the  
11 project.

12 "Environmentally sensitive area" includes but is not  
13 limited to a flood plain, a tsunami zone, a sea level rise  
14 exposure area, a beach, an erosion-prone area, geologically  
15 hazardous land, an estuary, fresh waters, or coastal waters."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Environmental Impact Statements; Exemption; Affordable Housing

**Description:**

Exempts from environmental impact statement requirements certain affordable housing projects. Takes effect 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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