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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 100, Session 2 Laws of Hawaii 1978, established the Hawaii State Planning Act 3 to quide future long-range development of the State. The Hawaii 4 State Planning Act is comprised of thirteen functional plans 5 focusing on a wide range of state objectives such as 6 agriculture, education, housing, energy, tourism, and 7 transportation. As a broad framework, the Hawaii state plan 8 establishes standards and policies to guide activities, 9 programs, and policies made by county and state agencies. 10 In 1983, the State initiated its first comprehensive review of the Hawaii state plan. The review, completed in 1985, 11 12 resulted in the enactment of legislation to refine and address 13 goals, policies, and objectives of part I and priority 14 guidelines in part III of the Hawaii State Planning Act. Since 15 1985, the State has experienced significant economic, physical, 16 social, and technological changes that have enhanced and 17 constrained opportunities for the State. Therefore, some

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1 findings and recommendations made to the Hawaii state plan in 2 the initial review may not reflect the State's current needs, 3 goals, and long-range objectives for the twenty-first century. 4 In light of these circumstances, in 2018, the office of 5 planning and sustainable development completed phase I of the 6 comprehensive review of the Hawaii State Planning Act. The work 7 completed in phase I yielded findings and recommendations that 8 provide a foundation and scope of a recommended phase II update, 9 including an approach to align current and emerging conditions 10 and issues to enhance the effectiveness of planning, the needs 11 of Hawaii's people, and the future trajectory of the State. As 12 critical work on the phase I update has been completed, and due 13 to the pressing challenges facing the State and its residents, 14 the State is poised to now conduct phase II to update the Hawaii 15 state plan, consistent with critical data, and to formulate 16 long-term goals and opportunities for greater community 17 engagement to provide a path toward future economic and 18 sustainable success. 19 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

Establish the Hawaii State Planning Act phase II task

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force; and

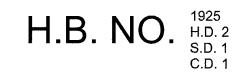
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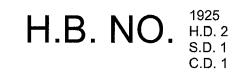
1	(2)	Appropriate funds.
2	SECT	ION 2. (a) There is established the Hawaii State
3	Planning	Act phase II task force to be placed within the office
4	of planni	ng and sustainable development for administrative
5	purposes	only.
6	(b)	The task force shall:
7	(1)	Create a two-year plan to examine the issues
8		established in subsection (c), clarify and articulate
9		findings, develop metrics and benchmarks to measure
10		progress, and develop a final report that describes
11		how the State is addressing the findings set forth in
12		the phase I update completed in 2018;
13	(2)	Incorporate into the plan how it will coordinate with
14		other groups, agencies, and programs within and
15		outside the State to achieve alignment of plans and
16		their implementation;
17	(3)	Incorporate into the plan how it will coordinate with
18		the counties to achieve alignment of plans and their
19		implementation; and



1	(4)	Consider and incorporate into the plan equity						
2		concerns, including economic and accessibility impacts						
3		to low-income communities.						
4	(c)	The task force shall examine and report on:						
5	(1)	The findings of the original Hawaii State Planning						
6		Act, including any amendments necessary for relevancy;						
7	(2)	Re-establishment and formulation of a list of long-						
8		range objectives and focus areas for functional plans						
9		that place greater emphasis on plan formulation and						
10		program coordination to integrate state and county						
11	,	activities, including but not limited to an evaluation						
12		of the latest state and county comprehensive economic						
13		development strategies;						
14	(3)	Definitions in section 226-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes,						
15		that may require amendments;						
16	(4)	Principles and values considered integral to the						
17		State, including tests for current relevancy and						
18		necessary amendments;						
19	(5)	Consistency of state goals established pursuant to						
20		section 226-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in relation to						
21		departments, counties, and the general public;						

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1	(6)	The ability of the Hawaii state plan to provide a						
2		relevant, multi-disciplinary planning system and						
3		direction to encourage and facilitate cooperation						
4		among various entities, including between the State						
5		and the counties; and						
6	(7)	Objectives and policies established pursuant to						
7		sections 225-5 through 225-27, Hawaii Revised						
8		Statutes, that are out-of-date and require updates to						
9		conform with current and long-range goals, which may						
10		be achieved by:						
11		(A) Convening sub-working groups to reconsider and						
12		update the objectives and policies;						
13		(B) Simplifying and reducing the number of policies;						
14		(C) Ensuring that functional plans have updated						
15		policies; and						
16		(D) Reorienting functional plans to emphasize						
17		coordination between state agencies and the						
18		counties to ensure that functional plans focus on						
19		depth and specificity.						
20	(d)	The task force shall appoint a coordinator, who shall						
21	be exempt	from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.						

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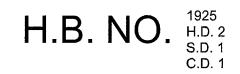
1	(e)	The task force shall be composed of the following
2	members:	
3	(1)	The director of the office of planning and sustainable
4		development, or the director's designee, who shall
5		serve as chairperson;
6	(2)	The superintendent of education, or the
7		superintendent's designee;
8	(3)	The chairperson of the board of trustees of the office
9		of Hawaiian affairs, or the chairperson's designee;
10	(4)	A representative from the university of Hawaii
11		economic research organization;
12	(5)	Co-chairs of the Hawaii climate change mitigation and
13		adaptation commission, or their designees;
14	(6)	The planning director of each county, or their
15		respective designees;
16	(7)	The chairperson of each county economic development
17		board, or their respective designees; and
18	(8)	Other relevant stakeholders, to include non-profit,
19		academia, business, and Native Hawaiian
20		representatives, to be invited by the task force and
21		its chairperson.

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1 (f) The task force shall submit annual reports of the task 2 force's progress, completed actions, and findings and 3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 4 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of 5 the regular sessions of 2026 and 2027. 6 (q) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2027. 7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$225,000 or so much 8 9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the 10 administration costs of the Hawaii State Planning Act phase II 11 task force established in section 2 of this Act. 12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of 13 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this 14 Act. 15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much 17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) coordinator 18 19 position, who shall be exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised 20 Statutes, to support the Hawaii State Planning Act phase II task 21 force established in section 2 of this Act.

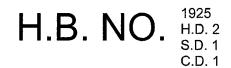
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2	planning	and	sustainable	develo	pment	t for	the	purpo	ses	of	this
3	Act.										

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.





Report Title:

OPSD; Hawaii State Planning Act; Phase II; Task Force; Position; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii State Planning Act Phase II Task Force within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Makes an appropriation. (CD1)

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