
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
AND LAND USE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED LAND USE
PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, there are various, sometimes-competing state
2 plans, goals, and objectives regarding land use in the State,
3 including the need for land to increase food sustainability,
4 promote renewable energy resources, address the shortage of
5 affordable housing, and adapt to and mitigate sea level rise and
6 climate change; and

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8 WHEREAS, a limited amount of land exists to meet these
9 different plans, goals, and objectives; and

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11 WHEREAS, numerous climate-change, food-sustainability,
12 affordable-housing, and renewable-energy targets have been
13 enacted by the State, including developing at least 22,500
14 affordable rental housing units; doubling food production;
15 increasing food exports; requiring the generation of all
16 electricity from renewable sources; sequestering more
17 atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases; requiring all state and
18 county facilities to use reclaimed water; and mandating the
19 upgrade of all cesspools; and

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21 WHEREAS, an integrated land use plan would help to address
22 these various, sometimes-competing state plans, goals, and
23 objectives, particularly with respect to agriculture, energy,
24 and housing; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
27 and Land Use Commission have the expertise to develop an
28 integrated land use plan; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
32 that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and Land



1 Use Commission are requested to develop an integrated land use
2 plan; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Sustainability
5 Coordinator of the Office of Planning and Sustainable
6 Development is requested to lead the development of the
7 integrated land use plan; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the integrated land use plan
10 incorporate various existing studies and information to serve as
11 a guide for the State's planning and decision-making on
12 agriculture, energy, and housing; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the integrated land use plan
15 include the following:

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17 (1) Land use data that can be used for planning and
18 decision-making to resolve the competing uses of land
19 within the agricultural, rural, and urban districts;
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- 21 (2) An analysis of the amount and types of agricultural
22 lands needed to meet the State's food-sustainability
23 goals;
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- 25 (3) An analysis of the amount and types of lands needed to
26 meet the State's renewable-energy goals;
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- 28 (4) An analysis of the amount of land that can be used to
29 meet the State's affordable-housing goals; and
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- 31 (5) Recommendations on the amount of land and general
32 location of areas needed to adapt to and mitigate the
33 impacts of sea level rise and climate change; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning and
36 Sustainable Development and Land Use Commission are requested to
37 submit the integrated land use plan, including any proposed
38 legislation, to the Legislature by December 1, 2026; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning and
41 Sustainable Development is requested to report on the progress
42 of the integrated land use plan and the progress of data-based



1 estimates to achieve this Resolution's objectives to the
2 Legislature and Land Use Commission by December 1, 2025; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning and
5 Sustainable Development is requested to update and report on the
6 integrated land use study to the Legislature and Land Use
7 Commission every five years; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is requested to conduct
10 the integrated land use study, which would necessitate an
11 amendment to the state budget that allocates \$500,000 to the
12 Office of Planning and Sustainable Development in fiscal year
13 2024-2025 for:

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15 (1) Two Planner V (2.0 FTE) positions;

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17 (2) One Secretary III (1.0 FTE) position; and

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19 (3) Resources including computers and office supplies,
20 travel, and other expenses; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Director of the Office
24 of Planning and Sustainable Development and Chair of the Land
25 Use Commission.

