
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that multiple climate and
2 sustainability statutory targets have been enacted in the State,
3 including developing at least 22,500 affordable rental housing
4 units, doubling food production, increasing food exports,
5 requiring the department of education and university of Hawaii
6 to become net-zero in energy use, requiring that all of the
7 electricity generated in Hawaii come from renewable sources,
8 sequestering more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases,
9 requiring all state and county facilities to use reclaimed
10 water, and requiring the mandatory upgrade of all cesspools.

11 The legislature recognizes that, with the recent expansion
12 of the office of planning and sustainable development through
13 Act 45, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, and Acts 152 and 153,
14 Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, the office of planning and
15 sustainable development functionally serves as the State's
16 centralized coordinating agency to lead efforts in climate
17 adaptive and sustainable land use policies.



1 The legislature further finds that the State would benefit
2 from a land use plan that integrates various climate,
3 sustainability, and housing goals and studies, especially on the
4 use of agricultural lands. An integrated land use study would
5 help to address recent events and public opposition to
6 affordable housing projects and renewable energy projects on
7 agricultural land.

8 The purpose of this Act is to require the office of
9 planning and sustainable development to develop an integrated
10 land use study that incorporates the various climate,
11 sustainability, and housing goals and studies to serve as a
12 guide for planning and decision-making on the use of
13 agricultural lands.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The office of planning and sustainable
15 development shall conduct an integrated land use study for
16 agricultural districts, as classified under section 205-2,
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18 (b) The purpose of the integrated land use study shall be
19 to:



1 (1) Develop land use data that can be used for planning
2 and decision-making for the competing uses of lands
3 within agricultural districts; and

4 (2) Determine the land use feasibility and needs of lands
5 within agricultural districts to meet the State's
6 climate, sustainability, and housing statutory
7 targets.

8 (c) The integrated land use study shall incorporate the
9 recommendations of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan pursuant
10 to section 226-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes; the state land use
11 review of districts; the Hawaii sea level rise vulnerability and
12 adaptation report pursuant to section 225P-3, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes; and the State's climate, sustainability, and housing
14 statutory targets, as needed. The integrated land use study
15 shall also consider the 2022 state land use review of districts,
16 the Hawaii state plan update phase one, and the soil
17 classification study required pursuant to Act 189, Session Laws
18 of Hawaii 2022.

19 (d) The integrated land use study shall include
20 recommendations for each county.



1 (e) In conducting the integrated land use study the office
2 of planning and sustainable development shall:

3 (1) Develop data-based estimates on the amount of land
4 required to meet the competing uses of lands within
5 the agricultural districts by compiling and analyzing
6 existing data from various government entities,
7 including the department of agriculture; department of
8 transportation; department of land and natural
9 resources; department of business, economic
10 development, and tourism; Hawaii state energy office;
11 Hawaii housing finance and development corporation;
12 public utilities commission; and the counties.

13 Secondary input shall be sought from the university of
14 Hawaii, utility companies, nonprofit agricultural
15 organizations, the agricultural community, and other
16 organizations or entities deemed appropriate by the
17 office;

18 (2) Conduct outreach to ensure county and community input
19 and acceptance; and



1 (3) Analyze the available acreage in each county along
2 with the potential impacts for the proposed changes
3 once the initial compilation of data is completed.

4 SECTION 3. The office of planning and sustainable
5 development shall submit an interim report to the legislature no
6 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
7 session of 2026 on the progress of developing data-based
8 estimates and the progress of the integrated land use study and
9 a final report to the legislature and the land use commission no
10 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
11 session of 2027.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$350,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 for:

15 (1) The establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0
16 FTE) planner position, exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii
17 Revised Statutes; and

18 (2) Computers, office supplies, travel, and other expenses
19 to conduct the integrated land use study.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
2 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
3 Act.

4 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
7 personnel cost and other expenses of the project.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
9 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
10 Act.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

OPSD; Integrated Land Use Study; Civil Service; Exemption;
Position; Appropriations

Description:

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct an integrated land use study for the use of lands within the agricultural districts. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner position. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

