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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the city and county  
2 of Honolulu has experienced a steady increase in the number of  
3 residents and visitors over the past decade, with a population  
4 growth rate of 6.6 per cent from 2010 to 2020, the highest of  
5 all counties. The city and county of Honolulu is now home to  
6 more than one million individuals, and its existing  
7 infrastructure is insufficient to support the increase in  
8 residents and visitors. Specifically, a lack outdoor spaces for  
9 community activities are persistent problems for residents and  
10 visitors. The legislature further finds that there are lands  
11 within the city and county of Honolulu that can be better  
12 utilized for economic development and to address community  
13 needs.

14           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
15 funds for the department of business, economic development, and  
16 tourism to purchase certain properties to be used for economic  
17 development and community needs.



1 SECTION 2. The department of business, economic  
2 development, and tourism shall exercise its power of eminent  
3 domain under chapter 101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to acquire  
4 tax map key parcels listed in section 3 of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 for  
8 the department of business, economic development, and tourism to  
9 exercise its power of eminent domain under chapter 101, Hawaii  
10 Revised Statutes, to acquire the following tax map key parcels  
11 to be used for economic development and community needs, as  
12 deemed necessary by the department:

- 13 (1) 1-2-6-024-034-0000;
- 14 (2) 1-2-6-024-035-0000;
- 15 (3) 1-2-6-024-036-0000;
- 16 (4) 1-2-6-024-037-0000;
- 17 (5) 1-2-6-024-038-0000;
- 18 (6) 1-2-6-024-039-0000;
- 19 (7) 1-2-6-024-040-0000;
- 20 (8) 1-2-6-024-042-0000;
- 21 (9) 1-2-6-024-043-0000;



- 1 (10) 1-2-6-024-044-0000;
- 2 (11) 1-2-6-024-045-0000;
- 3 (12) 1-2-6-024-065-0000;
- 4 (13) 1-2-6-024-066-0000;
- 5 (14) 1-2-6-024-067-0000;
- 6 (15) 1-2-6-024-068-0000;
- 7 (16) 1-2-6-024-080-0000;
- 8 (17) 1-2-6-024-081-0000;
- 9 (18) 1-2-6-024-082-0000; and
- 10 (19) 1-2-6-024-083-0000.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
12 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
13 this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:



# S.B. NO. 524

**Report Title:**

DBEDT; Eminent Domain; Parcel Purchase; Community Needs;  
Economic Development; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to exercise its power of eminent domain to acquire certain parcels. Appropriates funds for the acquisition of those parcels.

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