
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS.

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 adopted ordinances and other requirements
3 regarding the permitting of development projects within special
4 districts, including Waikiki. The legislature further finds it
5 unnecessary and redundant to require all proposals for any use
6 within the Waikiki special district to undergo an environmental
7 assessment pursuant to section 343-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to repeal the
9 environmental assessment requirement for proposals within:

- 10 (1) A historic site as designated in the National Register
11 or Hawaii Register, as provided for in the Historic
12 Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89-665, or
13 chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; or

- 14 (2) The Waikiki special district.

15 SECTION 2. Section 343-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) Except as otherwise provided, an environmental
2 assessment shall be required for actions that:

3 (1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of
4 state or county funds, other than funds to be used for
5 feasibility or planning studies for possible future
6 programs or projects that the agency has not approved,
7 adopted, or funded, or funds to be used for the
8 acquisition of unimproved real property; provided that
9 the agency shall consider environmental factors and
10 available alternatives in its feasibility or planning
11 studies; provided further that an environmental
12 assessment for proposed uses under
13 section 205-2(d)(11) or 205-4.5(a)(13) shall only be
14 required pursuant to section 205-5(b);

15 (2) Propose any use within any land classified as a
16 conservation district by the state land use commission
17 under chapter 205;

18 (3) Propose any use within a shoreline area as defined in
19 section 205A-41;

20 ~~[(4) Propose any use within any historic site as designated~~
21 ~~in the National Register or Hawaii Register, as~~



1 ~~provided for in the Historic Preservation Act of 1966,~~
2 ~~Public Law 89-665, or chapter 6E;~~

3 ~~(5) Propose any use within the Waikiki area of Oahu, the~~
4 ~~boundaries of which are delineated in the land use~~
5 ~~ordinance as amended, establishing the "Waikiki~~
6 ~~Special District";~~

7 ~~(6)]~~ (4) Propose any amendments to existing county general
8 plans where the amendment would result in designations
9 other than agriculture, conservation, or preservation,
10 except actions proposing any new county general plan
11 or amendments to any existing county general plan
12 initiated by a county;

13 ~~[(7)]~~ (5) Propose any reclassification of any land
14 classified as a conservation district by the state
15 land use commission under chapter 205;

16 ~~[(8)]~~ (6) Propose the construction of new or the expansion
17 or modification of existing helicopter facilities
18 within the State, that by way of their activities, may
19 affect:

20 (A) Any land classified as a conservation district by
21 the state land use commission under chapter 205;



- 1 (B) A shoreline area as defined in section 205A-41;
- 2 or
- 3 (C) Any historic site as designated in the National
- 4 Register or Hawaii Register, as provided for in
- 5 the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law
- 6 89-665, or chapter 6E; or until the statewide
- 7 historic places inventory is completed, any
- 8 historic site that is found by a field
- 9 reconnaissance of the area affected by the
- 10 helicopter facility and is under consideration
- 11 for placement on the National Register or the
- 12 Hawaii Register of Historic Places; and
- 13 [~~+9~~] (7) Propose any:
- 14 (A) Wastewater treatment unit, except an individual
- 15 wastewater system or a wastewater treatment unit
- 16 serving fewer than fifty single-family dwellings
- 17 or the equivalent;
- 18 (B) Waste-to-energy facility;
- 19 (C) Landfill;
- 20 (D) Oil refinery; or
- 21 (E) Power-generating facility."



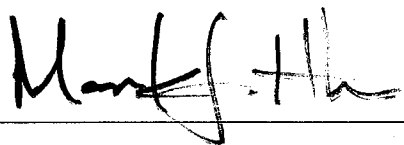
1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

7

INTRODUCED BY:



JAN 20 2026



H.B. NO. 1650

Report Title:

Environmental Assessments; Historic Sites; Waikiki

Description:

Removes historic sites and the Waikiki special district from the requirement for environmental assessments under section 343-5, HRS.

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

