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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND USE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"§205- Passenger ropeways; mountains; prohibited. (a)**  
Notwithstanding sections 46-4, 205-2, 205-4.5, 205-5, and 205-6 or any other law to the contrary, passenger ropeways shall be prohibited on mountain lands within all land use districts.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

"Aerial lift" means a ropeway on which passengers are transported in cabins or on chairs.

"Aerial tramway" means a ropeway on which passengers are transported in cable-supported carriers that:

(1) Are not in contact with the ground or terrain; and

(2) Reciprocate between terminals.

"Detachable grip lift" means a monocable or bicable ropeway system on which carriers circulate around the system alternately attaching to and detaching from a moving haul rope.



1       "Funicular" means a ropeway on which carriers are supported  
2       and guided by a guideway, are propelled by means of a haul rope  
3       system, and are operated as a single or double reversible  
4       system.

5       "Mountain" means a natural elevation of the earth's surface  
6       that rises prominently above the surrounding terrain and  
7       satisfies at least two of the following criteria:

8       (1) The summit or highest point of the landform is at  
9       least one thousand feet above the base elevation of  
10       the surrounding terrain within a horizontal radius of  
11       three miles;

12       (2) The average natural slope of the landform, measured  
13       from base to summit, is fifteen per cent or greater  
14       over a horizontal distance of at least one thousand  
15       feet;

16       (3) The landform exhibits a topographic prominence of at  
17       least five hundred feet, as determined by United  
18       States Geological Survey topographic maps or  
19       equivalent geospatial data; or

20       (4) The landform is formally named and classified as a  
21       mountain in the United States Geological Survey



Geographic Names Information System or equivalent  
federal or state registry.

"Passenger ropeway" means a device or system used to  
transport passengers along a level, inclined, or declined path  
by means of a haul rope or other flexible elements that is  
driven by a power unit that remains essentially at a single  
location. "Passenger ropeway" includes:

(1) Aerial lifts, including detachable grip lifts and  
chair lifts;

(2) Aerial tramways; and

(3) Funiculars.

"Passenger ropeway" does not include elevators."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Land Use; Passenger Ropeways; Mountains; Prohibition

**Description:**

Prohibits passenger ropeways on mountain lands within all land use districts.

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