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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4       "S343- Time limit on validity of certain  
5 determinations. (a) Any finding of no significant impact of a  
6 final environmental assessment or acceptance of a final  
7 environmental impact statement for a proposed action shall be  
8 valid until the latter of:

9       (1) years after the finding or acceptance; or  
10      (2) If any judicial proceeding is initiated pursuant to  
11      section 343-7, years after any court order  
12      issuing a finding of no significant impact of a final  
13      environmental assessment or acceptance of a final  
14      environmental impact statement for the proposed  
15      action.

16      (b) Upon the expiration of validity of a finding of no  
17      significant impact of a final environmental assessment or



1 acceptance of a final environmental impact statement for a  
2 proposed action pursuant to subsection (a), an agency or  
3 applicant shall commence a new environmental review process in  
4 accordance with this chapter to determine whether the proposed  
5 action may proceed."

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

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Environmental Review; FONSI; Acceptance of EIS; Validity; Time Limit

**Description:**

Specifies a time limit for the validity of a finding of no significant impact of a final environmental assessment or acceptance of a final environmental impact statement for a proposed action. Requires an agency or applicant to commence a new environmental review process for the proposed action if the validity expires.

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