
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

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

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

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

(1) years after the finding or acceptance; or

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

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



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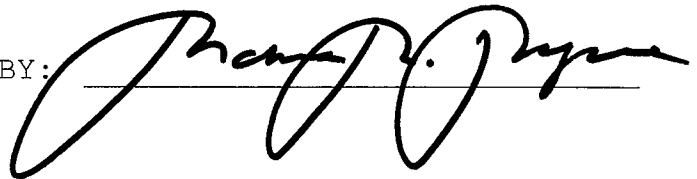
1 acceptance of a final environmental impact statement for a
2 proposed action pursuant to subsection (a), an agency or
3 applicant shall commence a new environmental review process in
4 accordance with this chapter to determine whether the proposed
5 action may proceed."

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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