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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 289, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, is  
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending section 1, subsection (a), to read:

4 "(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the  
5 fee simple interest in the following parcels of land with the  
6 existing improvements thereon (hereinafter "the properties")  
7 (but not including submerged land, accreted land, or any land  
8 makai of the shoreline), shall be conveyed by the department of  
9 land and natural resources, department of accounting and general  
10 services, Hawaii housing finance and development corporation, or  
11 other respective state agency, as grantor, to the city and  
12 county of Honolulu as grantee, as is, where is, and subject to  
13 any existing recorded ground leases, easements, and  
14 encumbrances:

15 (1) [~~TMK 1-1-5-7-2 (senior residence at Iwilei);~~]

16 TMK 1-9-8-13-14 (Westridge);

17 (2) TMK 1-1-5-7-1 (Liliha civic center);



- 1 (3) TMK 1-1-7-27-1 (Aala park);
- 2 (4) TMK 1-1-5-9-1 (Institute for Human Services);
- 3 (5) TMK 1-1-5-9-2 (morgue addition);
- 4 (6) TMK 1-1-5-9-3 (morgue); and
- 5 (7) TMK 1-1-5-9-10 (Iwilei fire station)."

6 2. By amending section 2, subsection (d), to read:

7 "(d) Transfer of the parcel shall be effective  
 8 December 31, [~~2025,~~] 2026, or upon final approval by the city  
 9 and county of Honolulu of the terms of the transfer, whichever  
 10 occurs later."

11 3. By amending section 3 to read:

12 "SECTION 3. [~~Section 171-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is~~  
 13 ~~amended to read as follows:~~

14 ~~"§171-2 Definition of public lands. "Public lands" means~~  
 15 ~~all lands or interest therein in the State classed as government~~  
 16 ~~or crown lands previous to August 15, 1895, or acquired or~~  
 17 ~~reserved by the government upon or subsequent to that date by~~  
 18 ~~purchase, exchange, escheat, or the exercise of the right of~~  
 19 ~~eminent domain, or in any other manner, including lands accreted~~  
 20 ~~after May 20, 2003, and not otherwise awarded, submerged lands,~~  
 21 ~~and lands beneath tidal waters that are suitable for~~



1 ~~reclamation, together with reclaimed lands that have been given~~  
2 ~~the status of public lands under this chapter, except:~~

3 ~~(1) Lands designated in section 203 of the Hawaiian Homes~~  
4 ~~Commission Act, 1920, as amended;~~

5 ~~(2) Lands set aside pursuant to law for the use of the~~  
6 ~~United States;~~

7 ~~(3) Lands being used for roads and streets;~~

8 ~~(4) Lands to which the United States relinquished the~~  
9 ~~absolute fee and ownership under section 91 of the~~  
10 ~~Hawaiian Organic Act before the admission of Hawaii as~~  
11 ~~a state of the United States unless subsequently~~  
12 ~~placed under the control of the board of land and~~  
13 ~~natural resources and given the status of public lands~~  
14 ~~in accordance with the state constitution, the~~  
15 ~~Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, or~~  
16 ~~other laws;~~

17 ~~(5) Lands to which the University of Hawaii holds title;~~

18 ~~(6) Non-ceded lands set aside by the governor to the~~  
19 ~~Hawaii housing finance and development corporation or~~  
20 ~~lands to which the Hawaii housing finance and~~



- 1           ~~development corporation in its corporate capacity~~  
2           ~~holds title;~~
- 3           ~~(7) Lands to which the Hawaii community development~~  
4           ~~authority in its corporate capacity holds title;~~
- 5           ~~(8) Lands set aside by the governor to the Hawaii public~~  
6           ~~housing authority or lands to which the Hawaii public~~  
7           ~~housing authority in its corporate capacity holds~~  
8           ~~title;~~
- 9           ~~(9) Lands to which the department of agriculture holds~~  
10           ~~title by way of foreclosure, voluntary surrender, or~~  
11           ~~otherwise, to recover moneys loaned or to recover~~  
12           ~~debts otherwise owed the department under chapter 167;~~
- 13           ~~(10) Lands that are set aside by the governor to the Aloha~~  
14           ~~Tower development corporation, lands leased to the~~  
15           ~~Aloha Tower development corporation by any department~~  
16           ~~or agency of the State, or lands to which the Aloha~~  
17           ~~Tower development corporation holds title in its~~  
18           ~~corporate capacity;~~
- 19           ~~(11) Lands that are set aside by the governor to the~~  
20           ~~agribusiness development corporation, lands leased to~~  
21           ~~the agribusiness development corporation by any~~



1 ~~department or agency of the State, or lands to which~~  
2 ~~the agribusiness development corporation in its~~  
3 ~~corporate capacity holds title;~~  
4 ~~(12) Lands to which the Hawaii technology development~~  
5 ~~corporation in its corporate capacity holds title;~~  
6 ~~(13) Lands to which the department of education holds~~  
7 ~~title;~~  
8 ~~(14) Lands to which the stadium authority holds title;~~  
9 ~~(15) Lands to which the school facilities authority holds~~  
10 ~~title; [and]~~  
11 ~~(16) Lands that are set aside by the governor to the~~  
12 ~~department of transportation, lands leased to the~~  
13 ~~department of transportation by any department or~~  
14 ~~agency of the State, or lands to which the department~~  
15 ~~of transportation holds title; and~~  
16 ~~(17) Lands transferred to the department of land and~~  
17 ~~natural resources pursuant to Act \_\_\_\_\_, Session Laws of~~  
18 ~~Hawaii 2025;~~  
19 ~~provided that, except as otherwise limited under federal law and~~  
20 ~~except for state land used as an airport as defined in section~~  
21 ~~262-1, public lands shall include the air rights over any~~



1 ~~portion of state land upon which a county mass transit project~~  
2 ~~is developed after July 11, 2005; provided further that if the~~  
3 ~~lands pursuant to paragraph (6) are no longer needed for housing~~  
4 ~~finance and development purposes, the lands shall be returned to~~  
5 ~~the agency from which they were obtained; provided further that~~  
6 ~~if the lands pursuant to paragraph (14) are no longer needed for~~  
7 ~~the stadium development district or related purposes, the lands~~  
8 ~~shall be returned to the public land trust administered by the~~  
9 ~~department." ] Repealed."~~

10 4. By amending section 6 to read:

11 "SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025, or  
12 the day after final approval by the city and county of Honolulu  
13 of the terms of the transfer of the fee simple interest in land  
14 pursuant to part II of this Act, whichever occurs later;  
15 provided that upon the completed transfer of the fee simple  
16 interest in land pursuant to part II of this Act, the governor  
17 shall notify the legislature and the revisor of statutes that  
18 the transfer was filed or recorded with the bureau of  
19 conveyances; provided further that if the city and county of  
20 Honolulu does not finalize approval of the terms of the transfer  
21 required under part II of this Act by December 31, ~~[2026,]~~ 2027,



1 this Act shall be repealed on January 1, [~~2027, and section 171-~~  
2 ~~2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in~~  
3 ~~which it read on the day before the effective date of this Act.]~~  
4 2028."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; DAGS; HHFDC; Real Property; Public Lands; Transfer; City and County of Honolulu

**Description:**

Amends Act 289, SLH 2025, to replace the Senior Residence at Iwilei parcel with the Westridge parcel, repeal the designation of affected parcels as public lands, change the transfer date for the Alii Tower parcel to 12/31/2026, change the deadline for approval by the City and County of Honolulu to 12/31/2027, change the repeal date to 1/1/2028, and repeal reenactment language. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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