

ACT 225

H.B. NO. 55

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii State Planning Act.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 226-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read:

“(a) There is established a policy council whose membership shall include the following:

- (1) The planning director from each county.
- (2) Nine public members, being four from the city and county of Honolulu, one from the county of Kauai, and two from each of the counties of Maui and

Hawaii, provided that in the case of the county of Maui, one such public member shall be from Molokai or Lanai and, in the case of the county of Hawaii, one public member shall be from west Hawaii, one from east Hawaii, appointed by the governor from a list of public persons from each county which shall through its mayor or council, submit no less than three names for each appointive public member to which the county is entitled. The governor shall request lists of public persons from the respective mayors for appointment to the policy council. Within thirty days following the date of the governor's request, the mayor of the respective county shall submit the list to the council of the respective county for advice and consent. Within sixty days of the date of the governor's request, the mayor shall submit the list of public persons, with the advice and consent of the council of the respective county, to the governor for appointment to the policy council. If the mayor fails to submit a list to the council within thirty days of the date of the governor's request, the council shall submit a list to the governor within sixty days of the governor's request. If a list of public persons is not submitted by either the mayor or the council to the governor within sixty days following the date of the request for such a list, the governor shall appoint the public members from that county in accordance with the applicable geographic representation set forth above without nominations from that mayor.

- (3) The directors or chairmen from the departments of agriculture, budget and finance, planning and economic development, land and natural resources, health, social services and housing, transportation, and labor and industrial relations; from the office of environmental quality control; the superintendent of education; the president of the University of Hawaii; the executive director of the Hawaii housing authority; and the executive officer of the land use commission.

The director of the department of planning and economic development shall serve as chairman of the council.

The terms of the nine members from the public shall be for four years; provided, that the governor may reduce the terms of those initially appointed so as to provide, as nearly as can be, for the expiration of an equal number of terms at intervals of one year. Each such term shall commence on January 1 and expire on December 31; provided that the governor may establish the commencing and expiration dates of the terms of those initially appointed. No member from the public shall be appointed consecutively to more than two terms; provided, that membership shall not exceed eight consecutive years. No member from the public shall serve on any other public board or commission. The governor may remove or suspend for cause any member of the council after due notice and public hearing.

Expenses incurred by a state governmental member participating in policy council deliberations shall be borne by his respective governmental agency. Travel expenses incurred by planning directors participating in policy council deliberations shall be reimbursed by the department of planning and economic development. A public member shall receive no compensation for his services, but each shall be reimbursed by the department of planning and economic development for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties."

SECTION 2. Section 226-57, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read:

“(c) For each functional plan, the governor shall establish an advisory committee, where a committee which meets the criteria set out hereunder is not already in existence, whose membership shall be composed of at least one public official from each county to be nominated by the mayor of each county; members of the public; experts in the field for which a functional plan is being prepared; and state officials. The governor shall request the nominations of each of the respective mayors and shall appoint the public official nominated by the mayor of the respective county to serve on the advisory committee. If the nominations of county officials by a mayor are not submitted to the governor within sixty days following the date of the governor’s request for such nominations, the governor shall appoint at least one public official from that county to serve on the advisory committee without nominations from that mayor. The committee shall advise the state agency in preparing a functional plan to be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority directions contained within this chapter. The functional plan, with any recommendations of the advisory committee including minority reports, if any, shall be submitted to the policy council for review and evaluation. The advisory committee shall serve until the respective functional plan is adopted by the legislature.”

SECTION 3. Section 226-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read:

“(d) Upon receipt by the legislature of a functional plan prepared by the appropriate state agency and submitted by the governor, with the findings and recommendations of the policy council, the legislature shall review, modify, and as appropriate[,]† adopt the functional plan by concurrent resolution.”

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

(Approved June 7, 1980.)

†Bracketed “,” added to correct manifest clerical error.

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.