

ACT 148

S.B. NO. 1397

A Bill for an Act Relating to Land Evaluation and Site Assessment.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article XI, section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, the legislature, through Act 273, Session Laws of Hawaii 1983, established the State of Hawaii land evaluation and site assessment commission to provide for standards, criteria, and procedures which are designed to conserve and protect agricultural lands and assure long-term availability of agriculturally

suitable lands. The purpose of the commission is to identify, develop, and recommend for legislative adoption important agricultural lands pursuant to a land classification system specified in Act 273, section 2(d).

The commission in its draft report dated February, 1985, requested authorization to continue its function beyond the present expiration date at the adjournment sine die of the regular session of 1985, in order to coordinate the testing and evaluation of the LESA standards, criteria, and procedures system it has developed.

The purpose of this Act is to extend the life of the land evaluation and site assessment commission for at least one year so that a final report may be presented to the 1986 session of the legislature.

SECTION 2. Act 273, Session Laws of Hawaii 1983, to the contrary notwithstanding, the land evaluation and site assessment commission created by Act 273 shall continue its existence until the adjournment sine die of the 1986 session of the regular session of the legislature.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1985-1986, for use by the commission to carry out the purposes of this Act. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the legislative reference bureau for the purposes of this Act.

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

(Approved May 29, 1985.)