

ACT 227

H.B. NO. 2505

A Bill for an Act Relating to Housing.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each county, not later than December 31, 1993, shall enact such ordinances as may be necessary to decrease, to not more than twelve months, the total time required by the county to review and, if appropriate, grant, all general plan, development plan, community plan, zone change, and discretionary permit approvals to construct housing in that county. Each county shall also enact such ordinances as may be necessary to decrease to no more than six months the total time to process and approve subdivision, grading, building, and other ministerial development permits.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each state agency, not later than December 31, 1993, shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to decrease, to not more than six months, the total time required by all state agencies to review and, if appropriate, grant approvals to construct housing in this State. State agencies shall also adopt rules allowing no more than six months to process and approve other state permits required in connection with housing projects such as permits for wastewater treatment facilities; provided that this six month time period shall run concurrently with, not in addition to, county processing time for ministerial permits.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 1992, the mayor of each county shall convene a task force to recommend specific time limits for each county agency to review and, if appropriate, approve requests to construct housing in that

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county. The composition and size of each county's task force shall include members of the county council and any agency responsible for policy and technical issues regarding housing issues regarding housing development permits. Each county's task force shall consider, among other matters, the issue of how to accommodate the time taken by applicants to comply with all application requirements in the six month time period for processing all ministerial development permits. The task force shall not be subject to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Task force meetings shall be governed by the applicable provisions of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Not later than December 31, 1992, the governor shall convene a task force to recommend specific time limits for each state agency to review and, if appropriate, approve requests to construct housing in this State. The task force shall include state government agencies, boards, commissions, or entities responsible for policy or technical issues regarding housing development permits. The task force shall not be subject to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Task force meetings shall be governed by the applicable provisions of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 1993, and January 1, 1994, the mayor of each county shall submit to the legislature a status report on the progress made by that county to implement the applicable provisions of this Act.

Not later than January 1, 1993, and January 1, 1994, the governor shall submit to the legislature a status report on the progress made by the State to implement the applicable provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before January 1, 1993.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 17, 1992.)