

ACT 27

S.B. NO. 2566

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. The legislature finds that the inventory of affordable rental units for very low, low, and middle income individuals and families must be increased to appropriately meet the housing needs of the people of Hawaii. The legislature further finds that to meet Hawaii's affordable housing objectives as provided in the Hawaii State Planning Act, it is necessary for the public and private sectors to collaborate and cooperate with each other, and for the State to actively develop affordable rental housing.

The purpose of this Act is to amend the Hawaii State Planning Act to emphasize the roles of the State and the private sector in developing affordable housing, including affordable rental housing.

SECTION 2. Section 226-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Planning for the State's socio-cultural advancement with regard to housing shall be directed [towards] toward the achievement of the following objectives:

- (1) Greater opportunities for Hawaii's people to secure reasonably priced, safe, sanitary, and livable homes, located in suitable environments that satisfactorily accommodate the needs and desires of families and individuals[.], through collaboration and cooperation between government and nonprofit and for-profit developers to ensure that more affordable housing is made available to very low-, low- and moderate-income segments of Hawaii's population.
- (2) The orderly development of residential areas sensitive to community needs and other land uses.
- (3) The development and provision of affordable rental housing by the State to meet the housing needs of Hawaii's people.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 22, 1992.)