

ACT 213

A Bill for an Act Relating to State Planning.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 223, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§223- Diversification of economic development and population growth.** The office of state planning shall develop a strategic plan as part of its quality growth policy. The plan shall develop recommendations on dispersing economic development and population growth to prevent overpopulation or overdevelopment of any one county within the State.”

SECTION 2. Section 223-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“~~[[§223-2]]~~ Quality growth policy.** The office of [the governor] state planning shall develop a quality growth policy [for the State of Hawaii to effectuate the purpose of this chapter,] based upon [criteria which shall include] the following considerations:

- (1) An examination of the environmental impact of proposed urban development;
- (2) The relationship between short-term and long-term environmental quality;
- (3) Any irretrievable commitment of resources through urban development; and
- (4) Alternatives available to minimize adverse environmental effects as balanced against economic development of the State.

The quality growth policy shall include a comprehensive policy framework for directing growth and land use and shall identify State growth objectives and specific operational constraints to further such objectives.”

SECTION 3. Section 226-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) To achieve the population objective, it shall be the policy of this State to:

- (1) Manage population growth statewide in a manner that provides increased opportunities for Hawaii’s people to pursue their physical, social, and economic aspirations while recognizing the unique needs of each county.
- (2) Encourage an increase in economic activities and employment opportunities on the [Neighbor Islands] neighbor islands consistent with community needs and desires.
- (3) Promote increased opportunities for Hawaii’s people to pursue their socio-economic aspirations throughout the islands.

- (4) Encourage research activities and public awareness programs to foster an understanding of Hawaii's limited capacity to accommodate population needs and to address concerns resulting from an increase in Hawaii's population.
- (5) Encourage federal actions and coordination among major governmental agencies to promote a more balanced distribution of immigrants among the states, provided that such actions do not prevent the reunion of immediate family members.
- (6) Pursue an increase in federal assistance for states with a greater proportion of foreign immigrants relative to their state's population.
- (7) Plan the development and availability of land and water resources in a coordinated manner so as to provide for the desired levels of growth in each geographic area."

SECTION 4. Section 226-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Planning for the State's economy in general shall be directed toward achievement of the following objectives:

- (1) Increased and diversified employment opportunities to achieve full employment, increased income and job choice, and improved living standards for Hawaii's people.
- (2) A steadily growing and diversified economic base that is not overly dependent on a few industries[.], and includes the development and expansion of industries on the neighbor islands.”

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

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

(Approved June 10, 1993.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.