

ACT 258

H.B. NO. 1572

A Bill for an Act Relating to Agricultural Loans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 155-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§155-3 Restriction.** Loans provided for by this chapter shall be authorized only if [such] these loans cannot be made by [the Farmers Home Administration; the applicable farm credit system bank; and by two other private lenders; provided] two private lenders, a farm credit system bank, or the United States Department of Agriculture, except that the board of agriculture may waive this requirement for emergency loans.”

SECTION 2. Section 155-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§155-4 Powers and duties of the department.** The department of agriculture shall have the following powers:

- (1) Employ a secretary, who may be exempt from chapters 76 and 77, and such other full-time and part-time employees, subject to chapters 76 and 77, as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, subject further to the limitation of funds in the agricultural loan reserve fund[.];
- (2) Designate such agents throughout the State as may be necessary for property appraisal, the consideration of loan applications, and the supervision of farming operations of borrowers. The agents may be compensated for their services at such rates as the department in its discretion may fix[.];
- (3) Initiate and carry on a continuing research and education program, utilizing and coordinating the services and facilities of other government agencies and private lenders to the maximum, to inform qualified farmers concerning procedures for obtaining loans and to inform private lenders concerning the advantages of making loans to qualified farmers[.];
- (4) Cooperate with private and federal government farm loan sources to increase the amount of loan funds available to qualified farmers in the State[.];
- (5) Assist individual qualified farmers in obtaining loans from other sources. Insofar as available funds and staff permit, counsel and assist individual farmers in establishing and maintaining proper records to prove their farming ability for loan purposes[.];
- (6) Insure loans made to qualified farmers by private lenders under section 155-5[.];
- (7) Participate in loans made to qualified farmers by private lenders under section 155-6[.];
- [(8) Make loans to qualified farmers under the insured loan program of the Farmers Home Administration, subject to section 155-7.]
- [(9) (8) Make direct loans to qualified farmers under section 155-8[.];
- [(10) (9) Borrow money for loan purposes[.];
- [(11) (10) Assign and sell mortgages[.];
- [(12) (11) Hold title to, maintain, use, manage, operate, sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of personal and real property acquired by way of foreclosure, voluntary surrender, or otherwise, to recover moneys loaned[.];
- [(13) (12) Sue and be sued in the name of the “State of Hawaii”[.];
- [(14) (13) Exercise such incidental powers as are deemed necessary or requisite to fulfill its duty in carrying out the purposes of this chapter[.];
- [(15) (14) Delegate authority to its chairperson to approve loans, where the requested amount plus any principal balance on existing loans to the applicant, does not exceed \$25,000 of state funds[.]; and
- [(16) (15) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purpose of this chapter.”

SECTION 3. Section 155-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) The department of agriculture may provide funds for a share, not to exceed ninety per cent, of the principal amount of a loan made to a qualified farmer

or qualified new farmer by a private lender who is unable otherwise to lend the applicant sufficient funds at reasonable rates [where the qualified farmer or qualified new farmer is unable to obtain sufficient funds for the same purpose from the Farmers Home Administration].”

SECTION 4. Section 155-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) The department of agriculture may make loans directly to qualified farmers or qualified new farmers who are unable to obtain sufficient funds at reasonable rates from private lenders either independently or under sections 155-5 and 155-6], or from the Farmers Home Administration either directly or under section 155-7].”

SECTION 5. Section 171-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§171-22 Consent to mortgage.** Whenever under this chapter or under any lease, license, permit, or other instrument issued by the board of land and natural resources, consent of the State is required as a condition precedent to the mortgage of, or the creation of a security interest in public land, the chairperson of the board may, upon due application, grant the consent, and if the mortgage or security interest is to a recognized lending institution authorized to do business as a lending institution in either the State or elsewhere in the United States, the consent may extend to foreclosure and sale at the foreclosure to any purchaser, including the mortgagee, without regard to whether or not the purchaser is qualified under this chapter to lease, own, or otherwise acquire and hold the land or any interest therein. The interest of the mortgagee or holder shall be freely assignable. The term “holder” includes an insurer or guarantor of the obligation or condition of the mortgage, including the Federal Housing Administration, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Veterans Administration, the Small Business Administration, [Farmers Home Administration,] the United States Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency and their respective successors and assigns, or any lending institution authorized to do business in the State or elsewhere in the United States; provided that the consent to mortgage to a nongovernmental holder shall not confer any greater rights or powers in the holder than those which would be required by any of the aforementioned federal agencies.

Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, in leases or sales for residential purposes, the board may waive or modify any restrictions of the lease or sale or any restrictions contained in any such lease or sale if the waiver or modification is necessary to enable any of the aforementioned federal agencies or any lending institution authorized to do business in the State or elsewhere in the United States to participate in any loan secured by a mortgage on the land or the leasehold interest; provided any such waiver or modification shall not confer any greater rights or powers in the holder than those which would be required by the Federal Housing Administration or the [Farmers Home Administration.] United States Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 6. Section 171-36, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The board, from time to time, upon the issuance or during the term of any intensive agricultural, aquaculture, commercial, mariculture, special livestock, or industrial lease, may: (1) modify or eliminate any of the restrictions specified in

subsection (a); (2) extend or modify the fixed rental period of the lease; or (3) extend the term of the lease to the extent necessary to qualify the lease for mortgage lending or guaranty purposes with the Federal Housing Administration, Federal National Mortgage Association, Department of Veterans Affairs, Small Business Administration, [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, Federal Land Bank of Berkeley, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Berkeley, Berkeley Bank for Cooperatives, or any other federal mortgage lending agency qualified to do business in the State, and their respective successors and assignees, or to qualify the lessee for any state or private lending institution loan, private loan guaranteed by the State, or any loan in which the State and any private lender participates; provided that the private lender shall be qualified to do business in the State; provided further that the approval of any extension shall be subject to the following:

- (1) The demised premises have been used substantially for the purpose for which they were originally leased;
- (2) The aggregate of the initial term and any extension granted shall not be for more than fifty-five years;
- (3) The rental shall not be less than the rental for the preceding term; and
- (4) The rules of the board, setting forth any additional terms and conditions, which shall ensure and promote the purposes of the demised lands.”

SECTION 7. Section 201E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “mortgage holder” to read as follows:

““Mortgage holder” includes the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture, [Farmers Home Administration,] or other federal or state agency engaged in housing activity, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, private mortgage lender, private mortgage insurer, and their successors, grantees, and assigns.”

SECTION 8. Section 201E-60, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “mortgage lender” to read as follows:

““Mortgage lender” means any bank, trust company, savings bank, national banking association, savings and loan association, building and loan association, mortgage banker, credit union, insurance company, or any other financial institution, or a holding company for any of the foregoing, which:

- (1) Is authorized to do business in the State;
- (2) Customarily provides service or otherwise aids in the financing of mortgages on single family or multifamily residential property; and
- (3) Is a financial institution whose accounts are federally insured, or is an institution which is an approved mortgagee for the Federal Housing Administration, or is an approved lender for the Veterans Administration or the [Farmers Home Administration] United States Department of Agriculture, or is an approved mortgage loan servicer for the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.”

SECTION 9. Section 201E-110, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “mortgage lender” to read as follows:

““Mortgage lender” means any bank, trust company, savings bank, national banking association, savings and loan association, building and loan association, mortgage banker, credit union, insurance company, or any other financial institution, or a holding company for any of the foregoing, which:

- (1) Is authorized to do business in the State;
- (2) Customarily provides service or otherwise aids in the financing of mortgages on single-family or multifamily residential property; and
- (3) Is a financial institution whose accounts are federally insured, or is an institution which is an approved mortgagee for the Federal Housing Administration, or is an approved lender for the Veterans Administration or the [Farmers Home Administration] United States Department of Agriculture, or is an approved mortgage loan servicer for the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.”

SECTION 10. Section 201E-205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) In accordance with section 237-29, the corporation may approve and certify for exemption from general excise taxes any qualified person or firm involved with a newly constructed, or moderately or substantially rehabilitated project:

- (1) Developed under this chapter or chapter 356;
- (2) Developed under a government assistance program approved by the corporation, including[,] but not limited to[,] the [Farmers Home Administration] United States Department of Agriculture 502 program and Federal Housing Administration 235 program; or
- (3) Developed under the sponsorship of a private nonprofit corporation providing home rehabilitation or new homes for qualified families in need of decent, low-cost housing.”

SECTION 11. Section 205-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Uses not expressly permitted in subsection (a) shall be prohibited, except the uses permitted as provided in [section] sections 205-6 and [section] 205-8, and construction of single-family dwellings on lots existing before June 4, 1976. Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, no subdivision of land within the agricultural district with soil classified by the land study bureau’s detailed land classification as overall (master) productivity rating class A or B shall be approved by a county unless the said A and B lands within the subdivision shall be made subject to the restriction on uses as prescribed in this section and to the condition that the uses shall be primarily in pursuit of an agricultural activity.

Any deed, lease, agreement of sale, mortgage, or other instrument of conveyance covering any land within the agricultural subdivision shall expressly contain the restriction on uses and the condition as prescribed in this section which restriction and condition shall be encumbrances running with the land until such time that the land is reclassified to a land use district other than agricultural district.

If the foregoing requirement of encumbrances running with the land jeopardizes the owner or lessee from obtaining mortgage financing from any of the mortgage lending agencies set forth hereinbelow, and said requirement is the sole reason for failure to obtain mortgage financing, then such requirement of encumbrances shall, insofar as such mortgage financing is so jeopardized, be conditionally waived by the appropriate county enforcement officer; provided that such condi-

tional waiver shall thereafter become effective only in the event that the property is subjected to foreclosure proceedings by the mortgage lender.

The mortgage lending agencies mentioned hereinabove are the Federal Housing Administration, Federal National Mortgage Association, Veterans Administration, Small Business Administration, [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, Federal Land Bank of Berkeley, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Berkeley, Berkeley Bank for Cooperatives, and any other federal, state, or private mortgage lending agency qualified to do business in Hawaii, and their respective successors and assigns.”

SECTION 12. Section 206E-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “mortgage lender” to read as follows:

““Mortgage lender” means any bank, trust company, savings bank, national banking association, savings and loan association, building and loan association, mortgage banker, credit union, insurance company, or any other financial institution, or a holding company for any of the foregoing, which:

- (1) Is authorized to do business in the State;
- (2) Customarily provides service or otherwise aids in the financing of mortgages on single family or multi-family residential property; and
- (3) Is a financial institution whose accounts are federally insured, or is an institution which is an approved mortgagee for the Federal Housing Administration, or is an approved lender for the Veterans Administration or the [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, or is an approved mortgage loan servicer for the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Mortgage Corporation.”

SECTION 13. Section 219-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§219-8 Participation in loans by the department.

- (1) The department of agriculture may provide funds for a share, not to exceed ninety per cent, of the principal amount of a loan made to a qualified aquaculturalist by a private lender who is unable otherwise to lend the applicant sufficient funds at reasonable rates where the qualified farmer is unable to obtain sufficient funds for the same purpose from the [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture;
- (2) Participation loans under this section shall be limited by the provisions of section 219-6 and the department of agriculture’s share shall not exceed the maximum amounts specified therefor[.];
- (3) Interest charged on the private lender’s share of the loan shall not be more than the sum of two per cent above the lowest rate of interest charged by all state or national banks authorized to accept or hold deposits in the State[,] on secured short term loans made to borrowers who have the highest credit rating with those banks[.];
- (4) The private lender’s share of the loan may be insured by the department up to ninety per cent of the principal balance of the loan, under section 219-7[.];
- (5) When a participation loan has been approved by the department, its share shall be paid to the participating private lender for disbursement to the borrower. The private lender shall collect all payments from the borrower and otherwise service the loan[.];

- (6) Out of interest collected, the private lender may be paid a service fee to be determined by the department which fee shall not exceed one per cent of the unpaid principal balance of the loan[.]; provided that this fee shall not be added to any amount which the borrower is obligated to pay[.];
- (7) The participating private lender may take over a larger percentage or the full principal balance of the loan at any time that it has determined, to the satisfaction of the department, that the borrower is able to pay any increased interest charges resulting[.]; and
- (8) Security for participation loans shall be limited by section 219-5(6). All collateral documents shall be held by the private lender. Division of interest in collateral received shall be in proportion to participation by the department and the private lender.”

SECTION 14. Section 412:5-305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) To the extent specified herein, a bank may invest its own assets in securities and obligations of:

- (1) The United States government and any agency of the United States government whose debt obligations are fully and explicitly guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation Federal Reserve Banks, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Veterans Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, the [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the Small Business Administration;
- (2) United States government-sponsored agencies which are originally established or chartered by the United States government to serve public purposes specified by the Congress but whose debt obligations are not explicitly guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, Federal National Mortgage Association, Financing Corporation, Resolution Funding Corporation, Student Loan Marketing Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the United States Postal Service; and
- (3) Quasi-United States governmental institutions including without limitation the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, and other multilateral lending institutions or regional development institutions in which the United States government is a shareholder or contributing member[.]; provided that the total amount invested in obligations of any one issuer shall not exceed twenty per cent of the bank’s capital and surplus.”

SECTION 15. Section 412:6-306, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) To the extent specified herein, a savings bank may invest its own assets in securities and obligations of:

- (1) The United States government and any agency of the United States government whose debt obligations are fully and explicitly guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation Federal Reserve Banks, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Veterans Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, the [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the Small Business Administration;
- (2) United States government-sponsored agencies which are originally established or chartered by the United States government to serve public purposes specified by the Congress but whose debt obligations are not explicitly guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation[,] Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, Federal National Mortgage Association, Financing Corporation, Resolution Funding Corporation, Student Loan Marketing Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the United States Postal Service; and
- (3) Quasi-United States governmental institutions including without limitation[,] the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, and other multilateral lending institutions or regional development institutions in which the United States government is a shareholder or contributing member[,]; provided that the total amount invested in obligations of any one issuer shall not exceed twenty per cent of the savings bank’s capital and surplus.”

SECTION 16. Section 412:7-306, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) To the extent specified herein, a savings and loan association may invest its own assets in securities and obligations of:

- (1) The United States government and any agency of the United States government whose debt obligations are fully and explicitly guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation Federal Reserve Banks, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Veterans Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, the [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the Small Business Administration;
- (2) United States government-sponsored agencies which are originally established or chartered by the United States government to serve public purposes specified by the Congress but whose debt obligations are not explicitly guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation[,] Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal

- Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, Federal National Mortgage Association, Financing Corporation, Resolution Funding Corporation, Student Loan Marketing Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the United States Postal Service; and
- (3) Quasi-United States governmental institutions including without limitation[,] the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, and other multilateral lending institutions or regional development institutions in which the United States government is a shareholder or contributing member[.]; provided that the total amount invested in obligations of any one issuer shall not exceed twenty per cent of the savings and loan association's capital and surplus.”

SECTION 17. Section 412:8-301, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) To the extent specified herein, a trust company may invest its own assets in securities and obligations of:

- (1) The United States government and any agency of the United States government whose debt obligations are fully and explicitly guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation Federal Reserve Banks, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Veterans Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, the [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the Small Business Administration;
- (2) United States government-sponsored agencies which are originally established or chartered by the United States government to serve public purposes specified by the Congress but whose debt obligations are not explicitly guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, Federal National Mortgage Association, Financing Corporation, Resolution Funding Corporation, Student Loan Marketing Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the United States Postal Service; and
- (3) Quasi-United States governmental institutions including without limitation the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, and other multilateral lending institutions or regional development institutions in which the United States Government is a shareholder or contributing member[.]; provided that the total amount invested in obligations of any one issuer shall not exceed twenty per cent of the trust company's capital and surplus.”

SECTION 18. Section 412:9-409, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) To the extent specified in this subsection, a depository financial services loan company may invest its own assets in securities and obligations of:

- (1) The United States government and any agency of the United States government whose debt obligations are fully and explicitly guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States including[,] without limitation[,] Federal Reserve Banks, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Federal Housing Administration, the [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the Small Business Administration;
- (2) United States government-sponsored agencies which are originally established or chartered by the United States government to serve public purposes specified by the Congress but whose debt obligations are not explicitly guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States including[,] without limitation[,] Banks for Cooperatives, the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Financing Corporation, the Resolution Funding Corporation, the Student Loan Marketing Association, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the United States Postal Service; and
- (3) Quasi-United States governmental institutions including[,] without limitation[,] the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, and other multilateral lending institutions in which the United States government is a shareholder or contributing member; provided that the total amount invested in any one issuer shall not exceed twenty per cent of the depository financial services loan company’s capital and surplus.”

SECTION 19. Section 412:10-502, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) To the extent specified herein, a credit union may invest its own assets in securities and obligations of:

- (1) The United States government and any agency of the United States government whose debt obligations are fully and explicitly guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation Federal Reserve Banks, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Veterans Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, the [Farmers Home Administration,] United States Department of Agriculture, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the Small Business Administration;
- (2) United States government-sponsored agencies, which are originally established or chartered by the United States government to serve public purposes specified by the Congress but whose debt obligations are not explicitly guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States, including without limitation Banks for Cooperatives, Federal

Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, Federal National Mortgage Association, Resolution Funding Corporation, Student Loan Marketing Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the United States Postal Service; and

- (3) Quasi-United States governmental institutions, including without limitation the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, and other multilateral lending institutions or regional development institutions in which the United States government is a shareholder or contributing member[.]; provided that the total amount invested in any one issuer shall not exceed ten per cent of the credit union's capital."

SECTION 20. Section 516-91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "mortgage lender" to read as follows:

"“Mortgage lender” means any bank, trust company, savings bank, national banking association, savings and loan association, building and loan association, mortgage banker, credit union, insurance company, or any other financial institution, or a holding company for any of the foregoing, which:

- (1) Is authorized to do business in the State;
- (2) Customarily provides services or otherwise aids in the financing of mortgages on single family or multi-family residential property; and
- (3) Is a financial institution whose accounts are federally insured, or is an institution which is an approved mortgagee for the Federal Housing Administration, or is an approved lender for the Veterans Administration or the [Farmers Home Administration] United States Department of Agriculture, or is an approved mortgage loan servicer for the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation."

SECTION 21. Section 155-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 22. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.¹ New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 23. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 21, 1997.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.