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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

April 22, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 22, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2523

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAND USE
COMMISSION.
(ACT 26)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 205-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§205-17 Land use commission decision-making criteria.** In
4 its review of any petition for reclassification of district
5 boundaries pursuant to this chapter, the commission shall
6 specifically consider the following:

7 (1) The extent to which the proposed reclassification
8 conforms to the applicable goals, objectives, and
9 policies of the Hawaii state plan and relates to the
10 applicable priority guidelines of the Hawaii state
11 plan and the adopted functional plans;

12 (2) The extent to which the proposed reclassification
13 conforms to the applicable district standards;

14 (3) The impact of the proposed reclassification on the
15 following areas of state concern:

16 (A) Preservation or maintenance of important natural
17 systems or habitats;



- 1 (B) Maintenance of valued cultural, historical, or
- 2 natural resources;
- 3 (C) Maintenance of other natural resources relevant
- 4 to Hawaii's economy, including agricultural
- 5 resources;
- 6 (D) Commitment of state funds and resources;
- 7 (E) Provision for employment opportunities and
- 8 economic development; and
- 9 (F) Provision for housing opportunities for all
- 10 income groups, particularly the low,
- 11 low-moderate, and gap groups;
- 12 (4) The standards and criteria for the reclassification or
- 13 rezoning of important agricultural lands in section
- 14 205-50; ~~and~~
- 15 (5) The county general plan and all community,
- 16 development, or community development plans adopted
- 17 pursuant to the county general plan, as they relate to
- 18 the land that is the subject of the reclassification
- 19 petition; and
- 20 [+5+] (6) The representations and commitments made by the
- 21 petitioner in securing a boundary change."



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this 22 day of APR, 2008



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII