
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to clarify an
2 amendment to section 205A-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, made by
3 Act 153, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, to require the counties to
4 concurrently process subdivision and special management area use
5 permits to ensure that a special management area use permit is
6 processed before final subdivision approval.

7 SECTION 2. Section 205A-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending the definition of "development" to read as
9 follows:

10 "Development" means any of the uses, activities, or
11 operations on land or in or under water within a special
12 management area that are included below:

- 13 (1) Placement or erection of any solid material or any
14 gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste;
15 (2) Grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of
16 any materials;



1 (3) Change in the density or intensity of use of land,
2 including but not limited to the division or
3 subdivision of land;

4 (4) Change in the intensity of use of water, ecology
5 related thereto, or of access thereto; and

6 (5) Construction, reconstruction, demolition, or
7 alteration of the size of any structure.

8 "Development" does not include the following:

9 (1) Construction or reconstruction of a single-family
10 residence that is less than seven thousand five
11 hundred square feet of floor area and is not part of a
12 larger development;

13 (2) Repair or maintenance of roads and highways within
14 existing rights-of-way;

15 (3) Routine maintenance dredging of existing streams,
16 channels, and drainage ways;

17 (4) Repair and maintenance of underground utility lines,
18 including but not limited to water, sewer, power, and
19 telephone and minor appurtenant structures such as pad
20 mounted transformers and sewer pump stations;

21 (5) Zoning variances, except for height, density, parking,
22 and shoreline setback;



- 1 (6) Repair, maintenance, or interior alterations to
2 existing structures;
- 3 (7) Demolition or removal of structures, except those
4 structures located on any historic site as designated
5 in national or state registers;
- 6 (8) Use of any land for the purpose of cultivating,
7 planting, growing, and harvesting plants, crops,
8 trees, and other agricultural, horticultural, or
9 forestry products or animal husbandry, or aquaculture
10 or mariculture of plants or animals, or other
11 agricultural purposes;
- 12 (9) Transfer of title to land;
- 13 (10) Creation or termination of easements, covenants, or
14 other rights in structures or land;
- 15 (11) Final subdivision approval; provided that in counties
16 that may automatically approve tentative subdivision
17 applications as a ministerial act within a fixed time
18 of the submission of a preliminary plat map, unless
19 the director takes specific action, a special
20 management area use permit if required, shall be
21 processed concurrently with an application for
22 tentative subdivision approval or after tentative



1 subdivision approval and before final subdivision
2 approval;

3 (12) Subdivision of land into lots greater than twenty
4 acres in size;

5 (13) Subdivision of a parcel of land into four or fewer
6 parcels when no associated construction activities are
7 proposed; provided that any land [~~which~~] that is so
8 subdivided shall not thereafter qualify for this
9 exception with respect to any subsequent subdivision
10 of any of the resulting parcels;

11 (14) Installation of underground utility lines and
12 appurtenant aboveground fixtures less than four feet
13 in height along existing corridors;

14 (15) Structural and nonstructural improvements to existing
15 single-family residences, where otherwise permissible;

16 (16) Nonstructural improvements to existing commercial
17 structures; and

18 (17) Construction, installation, maintenance, repair, and
19 replacement of civil defense warning or signal devices
20 and sirens;

21 provided that whenever the authority finds that any excluded
22 use, activity, or operation may have a cumulative impact, or a



1 significant environmental or ecological effect on a special
2 management area, that use, activity, or operation shall be
3 defined as "development" for the purpose of this part."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Special Management Areas; Permitting; Development; Counties

Description:

Clarifies definition of "development" for purposes of special management area permitting by counties. Effective July 1, 2030.
(SB2335 HD2)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

