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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESS PROTECTION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 201-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "§201-2 General objective, functions, and duties of  
4 department. It shall be the objective of the department of  
5 business, economic development, and tourism to make broad policy  
6 determinations with respect to economic development and business  
7 protection in the State and to stimulate through research and  
8 demonstration projects those industrial and economic development  
9 efforts that offer the most immediate promise of expanding the  
10 economy of the State. The department shall endeavor to gain an  
11 understanding of those functions and activities of other  
12 governmental agencies and of private agencies that relate to the  
13 field of economic development [-] and business protection. It  
14 shall, at all times, encourage initiative and creative thinking  
15 in harmony with the objectives of the department.

16           The department of business, economic development, and  
17 tourism shall have sole jurisdiction over the land use



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1 commission under chapter 205, state planning under chapter 225M,  
2 and the Hawaii State Planning Act under chapter 226. Due to the  
3 inherently interdependent functions of development, planning,  
4 and land use, these functions shall not be transferred by  
5 executive order, directive, or memorandum, to any other  
6 department, nor shall these functions be subject to review or  
7 approval by any other department."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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

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**Report Title:**

Business Protection; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Scope of Objectives; Policy

**Description:**

Broadens the scope of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to include business protection under its broad policy objectives. Requires DBEDT to gain an understanding of the functions and activities of other government agencies with respect to the field of business protection.

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