
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

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

1 **PART I**

2 SECTION 1. As reflected in the findings of Act 32, Session
3 Laws of Hawai'i 2017 (Act 32), the legislature recognizes that
4 climate change is not only real, but it is also the overriding
5 challenge of the twenty-first century and one of the priority
6 issues of the senate. Climate change poses immediate and long-
7 term threats to the State's economy, sustainability, security,
8 and way of life.

9 Act 32 established the Hawai'i climate change mitigation and
10 adaptation commission and directed the commission, as a first
11 step, to focus on and develop sea level rise vulnerability and
12 adaptation reports that are required to include:

- 13 (1) Identification of the major areas of sea level rise
14 impacts affecting the State and counties through 2050;
- 15 (2) Identification of expected impacts of sea level rise
16 based on the latest scientific research for each area
17 through 2050;



- 1 (3) Identification of the economic ramifications of sea
2 level rise;
- 3 (4) Identification of applicable federal laws, policies,
4 or programs that impact affected areas; and
- 5 (5) Recommendations for planning, management, and
6 adaptation for hazards associated with increasing sea
7 level rise.

8 The Hawai'i climate change mitigation and adaptation
9 commission submitted a Hawai'i sea level rise vulnerability and
10 adaptation report in December 2017. The report identifies, with
11 maps at tax map key detail, areas that are susceptible to sea
12 level rise impacts based on a 3.2-foot increase in sea level
13 projected to occur by mid-century or earlier. These areas are
14 designated as the sea level rise exposure area projection, which
15 the commission recommends be adopted as a sea level rise
16 exposure area overlay to guide state and county adaptation
17 strategies and standards for development. The Hawai'i sea level
18 rise vulnerability and adaptation report also made a number of
19 recommendations to state and county agencies based on emerging
20 good practices to strengthen Hawaii's overall readiness to face
21 sea level rise and climate change.



- 1 (2) Update capital improvement planning to:
- 2 (A) Incorporate sea level rise projections; and
- 3 (B) Prioritize infrastructure improvements for urban
- 4 areas identified as priority redevelopment areas
- 5 by the standing committee on sea level rise and
- 6 managed retreat established pursuant to section
- 7 225M-A(d);
- 8 (3) Adopt a review and approval process to ensure that new
- 9 developments and capital improvement projects with an
- 10 expected life span of thirty years or more incorporate
- 11 sea level rise in the development or project's design
- 12 and siting. The State shall require:
- 13 (A) New developments and capital improvement projects
- 14 to include an in-depth analysis of sea level rise
- 15 impacts based on elevation, tolerance for risk,
- 16 and lifetime of the structure; and
- 17 (B) Redevelopments within existing footprints to be
- 18 dependent on established, resilient building
- 19 design guidelines, or otherwise be subject to
- 20 relocation to a more suitable area;



- 1 (4) Develop design standards for existing and proposed
2 land uses that limit urban growth and increase flood
3 resiliency within sea level rise exposure areas;
- 4 (5) Develop guidance for developers to assist with the
5 integration of sea level rise in project design and
6 encourage the use of best management practices for
7 incorporating green and sustainable approaches in all
8 stages of project development;
- 9 (6) If applicable, consider adopting rules or policies
10 that encourage property owners at risk due to coastal
11 flooding to purchase flood insurance;
- 12 (7) Incorporate projected sea level rise into hazard
13 mitigation plans;
- 14 (8) Adopt a statewide program that supports county
15 participation in the building code effectiveness
16 grading schedule program, administered by the
17 International Organization for Standardization;
- 18 (9) Develop a pre-disaster recovery framework that
19 incorporates opportunities to adapt to sea level rise
20 through disaster recovery;



1 (10) Prioritize the preservation of coral reefs when taking
2 actions that may affect the health of the coral reefs
3 of the State; and

4 (11) Conduct an in-depth assessment of critical
5 infrastructure that is at risk due to climate change
6 and sea level rise, including critical infrastructure
7 within sea level rise exposure areas. The assessment
8 shall examine the vulnerability and evaluation of
9 adaptation strategies for the infrastructure. The
10 assessment shall consider the current condition of the
11 infrastructure and the remaining years of useful life.
12 The State shall use the assessment to prioritize
13 investment to protect, retrofit, or relocate the
14 infrastructure. The first assessment shall be
15 completed no later than July 1, 2019, and subsequent
16 assessments shall be conducted at least once every
17 five years.

18 (b) Except for subsection (a)(1), the governor may
19 delegate the duties required by subsection (a) to one or more
20 specific executive departments or agencies.



1 (c) For purposes of this section, "sea level rise exposure
2 area" means a sea level rise exposure area identified and
3 officially designated by the Hawaii climate change mitigation
4 and adaptation commission or its successor.

5 **§27- Report.** The office of the governor shall report to
6 the legislature on its progress regarding the implementation of
7 this part. The governor shall submit a report of its findings
8 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 each regular session."

11 SECTION 4. Section 27-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 **"§27-1 Functions of statewide concern.** The purpose of the
14 chapter is to fix responsibility for certain functions, which
15 are of statewide concern, in the state government. These
16 functions which are declared to be state functions are as
17 follows:

18 (1) Planning, construction, improvement and maintenance of
19 public school facilities and grounds and the
20 transportation of school children; provided that
21 nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the several



1 counties from expending their own funds to supplement
2 state funds;

3 (2) Burial of indigents;

4 (3) Planning, construction, improvement, maintenance, and
5 operation of public hospitals and other public health
6 and medical facilities;

7 (4) Rendering of medical treatment and hospitalization
8 services to state and county pensioners;

9 (5) Administration and operation of district courts; [and]

10 (6) Providing information and services to the public
11 through joint cooperation with the several
12 counties [-]; and

13 (7) Developing, adopting, and implementing
14 recommendations, policies, and practices related to
15 climate change mitigation and adaption."

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for
19 the purposes of implementing this part.

20 The sum appropriated shall be allotted by the department of
21 accounting and general services to the respective state agencies



1 for expenditure as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of
2 this part.

3 **PART III**

4 SECTION 6. The purpose of this part is to require the
5 counties to implement recommendations of the Hawai'i sea level
6 vulnerability and adaptation report.

7 SECTION 7. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
8 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
9 as follows:

10 **"PART . SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION**

11 **§46-A Responsibilities.** (a) Each county shall:

12 (1) Review its existing policies, regulatory processes,
13 and administrative rules to assess whether the
14 county's regulatory framework supports the smart
15 redevelopment of urban areas as part of sea level rise
16 adaptation planning; provided that the first review
17 shall be completed no later than July 1, 2020, and
18 subsequent reviews shall be conducted at least once
19 every five years;

20 (2) In consultation with the State, conduct a
21 comprehensive regional market assessment for each



1 urban area identified as a priority redevelopment area
2 by the standing committee on sea level rise and
3 managed retreat established pursuant to section 225M-
4 A(d). The assessment shall:

5 (A) Provide defensible estimates of current market
6 conditions and opportunities for supportable
7 future growth across various economic sectors;

8 (B) Identify specific opportunities for future growth
9 across various economic sectors;

10 (C) Consider the depth of the market for potential
11 uses by analyzing workforce, demographic, and
12 economic data sets; and

13 (D) Include quantitative and qualitative information
14 that presents a comprehensive assessment of the
15 market and defines supportable residential,
16 commercial, and industrial development potential;

17 (3) In consultation with the State, and based on the
18 comprehensive regional market assessments required by
19 paragraph (2), develop detailed redevelopment
20 strategies for each urban area identified as a
21 priority redevelopment area by the standing committee



1 on sea level rise and managed retreat established
2 pursuant to section 225M-A(d). The strategy shall
3 include:

4 (A) Site-level assessments recommending the highest
5 and best use for the priority redevelopment site;
6 and

7 (B) Detailed redevelopment strategies to support
8 successful redevelopment of priorities areas,
9 including specific recommendations that tailor to
10 the unique local conditions of each redevelopment
11 area;

12 (4) Update capital improvement planning to:

13 (A) Incorporate sea level rise; and

14 (B) Prioritize infrastructure improvements for urban
15 areas identified as priority redevelopment areas
16 by the standing committee on sea level rise and
17 managed retreat established pursuant to section
18 225M-A(d);

19 (5) Adopt a review and approval process to ensure that new
20 developments and capital improvement projects with an
21 expected life span of thirty years or more incorporate



1 sea level rise in the development or project's design
2 and siting. The counties shall require:

3 (A) New developments and capital improvement projects
4 to include an in-depth analysis of sea level rise
5 impacts based on elevation, tolerance for risk,
6 and lifetime of the structure; and

7 (B) Redevelopments within existing footprints to be
8 dependent on established, resilient building
9 design guidelines, or otherwise be subject to
10 relocation to a more suitable area;

11 (6) Develop design standards for existing and proposed
12 land uses that limit urban growth and increase flood
13 resiliency within sea level rise exposure areas;

14 (7) Develop guidance for developers to assist with the
15 integration of sea level rise in project design and
16 encourage the use of best management practices for
17 incorporating green and sustainable approaches in all
18 stages of project development;

19 (8) Take into consideration future sea level rise when
20 adopting or revising flood standards and flood maps;



- 1 (9) Consider adopting ordinances that require structures
2 built in coastal zone A flood zones be constructed in
3 compliance with zone V flood zone construction
4 standards. For purposes of this paragraph, "coastal
5 zone A" and "zone V " shall refer to areas designated
6 as a zone A or zone V, respectively, by the National
7 Flood Insurance Program;
- 8 (10) Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's
9 Community Rating System;
- 10 (11) Consider adopting ordinances or policies that
11 encourage property owners at risk due to coastal
12 flooding to purchase flood insurance;
- 13 (12) Incorporate projected sea level rise into hazard
14 mitigation plans;
- 15 (13) Develop a pre-disaster recovery framework that
16 incorporates opportunities to adapt to sea level rise
17 through disaster recovery;
- 18 (14) Prioritize the preservation of coral reefs when taking
19 actions that may affect the health of the coral reefs
20 of the respective county;



1 (15) Conduct an in-depth assessment of critical
2 infrastructure that is at risk to climate change and
3 sea level rise, including critical infrastructure
4 within sea level rise exposure areas. The assessment
5 shall examine the vulnerability and evaluation of
6 adaptation strategies for the infrastructure. The
7 assessment shall consider the current condition of the
8 infrastructure and the remaining years of useful life.
9 The counties shall use the data to prioritize
10 investment to protect, retrofit, or relocate the
11 infrastructure; and

12 (16) Consider ordinances that create transfer of
13 development rights and purchase of development rights
14 programs; provided that the programs are created to
15 facilitate the managed retreat from sea level rise
16 exposure areas and preserve beaches from the effects
17 of sea level rise.

18 (b) For purposes of this section, "sea level rise exposure
19 area" means a sea level rise exposure area identified and
20 officially designated by the Hawaii climate change mitigation
21 and adaptation commission or its successor.



1 SECTION 9. The purpose of this part is to implement
2 provisions of the Hawai'i sea level vulnerability and adaptation
3 report relating to the office of planning.

4 SECTION 10. Chapter 225M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§225M-A Sea level rise; exposure areas; mitigation. (a)

8 The office of planning shall integrate into state planning the
9 recommendations from the Hawaii climate change mitigation and
10 adaptation commission regarding sea level rise exposure areas.
11 Specifically, the office of planning shall consider:

12 (1) Immediate opportunities to implement sea level rise
13 adaptation actions;

14 (2) The promotion of managed retreat from the shoreline
15 where feasible, including the planning of new
16 developments outside of sea level rise exposure areas;

17 (3) The protection of coastal areas and beaches from
18 inappropriate development in light of potential sea
19 level rise; and

20 (4) The creation of incentives for flood risk avoidance.



1 (b) The office of planning shall develop specific guidance
2 to apply the following in plans and programs within the state
3 planning system:

4 (1) The climate change adaptation priority guidelines
5 established by section 226-109; and

6 (2) Actions recommended by the Hawaii sea level rise
7 vulnerability and adaptation report, issued by the
8 Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation
9 commission or its successor, to address sea level rise
10 impacts.

11 (c) The office of planning shall maintain an inventory of
12 lands suitable for future development outside of sea level rise
13 exposure areas. The inventory shall:

14 (1) Identify, assess, and prioritize underutilized land
15 within urban zoned areas that could be redeveloped in
16 a manner that is resilient to sea level rise;

17 (2) Assess potential developable lands outside of urban
18 growth boundaries that are suitable for future
19 development;



- 1 (3) Review existing redevelopment plans or studies to
2 assess the consistency of the plans with state goals
3 relating to sea level rise and managed retreat;
- 4 (4) Include the following factors in the inventory:
- 5 (A) Existing land use classification and ownership;
6 (B) Historic land use patterns;
7 (C) Critical land uses such as agriculture and
8 conservation for water resources;
9 (D) Whether the area is currently eroding;
10 (E) Whether shoreline armoring is already in place in
11 the area;
12 (F) Whether the area has a high potential for
13 landward migration;
14 (G) Whether the area has particular social, cultural,
15 economic, or environmental value;
16 (H) Whether the area currently supports critical
17 infrastructure; and
18 (I) Anticipated vulnerability of the area to sea
19 level rise impacts; and
- 20 (5) Be developed in coordination with the counties.



1 (d) The office of planning shall establish a standing
2 committee on sea level rise and managed retreat, to be chaired
3 by the director of the office of planning and to consist of any
4 relevant state or county officials invited by the director of
5 the office of planning. The committee shall conduct detailed
6 risk analyses of urban areas vulnerable to sea level rise. The
7 risk analyses shall:

8 (1) Use data from:

9 (A) Vulnerability assessment results compiled by the
10 Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation
11 commission and published in the Hawaii sea level
12 rise vulnerability and adaptation report; and

13 (B) The land inventory compiled pursuant to
14 subsection (c);

15 (2) Quantify potential losses for the identified urban
16 areas, including:

17 (A) Structural losses;

18 (B) Economic losses;

19 (C) Income level losses;

20 (D) Job losses;

21 (E) Wage losses;



1 (F) Tax revenue losses; and

2 (G) Social justice losses;

3 (3) Identify priority areas for smart redevelopment as

4 part of a managed retreat strategy using the data

5 referenced in paragraph (1) and the quantifying

6 analysis done pursuant to paragraph (2); and

7 (4) Conduct an analysis comparing the costs and benefits

8 of taking actions to mitigate or reduce the impacts of

9 sea level rise compared to the costs and benefits of

10 not taking any action.

11 The standing committee on sea level rise and managed

12 retreat shall submit a report of its findings and

13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the

14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of

15 each regular session.

16 (e) For purposes of this section, "sea level rise exposure

17 area" means a sea level rise exposure area identified and

18 officially designated by the Hawaii climate change mitigation

19 and adaptation commission or its successor.

20 §225M-B Beach preservation; willing seller program. (a)

21 The office of planning shall establish a willing seller program.



1 The program shall identify property owners that are willing to
2 sell their property or relocate outside of sea level rise
3 exposure areas; provided that:

4 (1) The property being sold or relocated from is adjacent
5 to a beach that is at risk of disappearing due to sea
6 level rise; and

7 (2) The office of planning determines that acquisition of
8 the property would be useful to protect the at-risk
9 beach.

10 (b) For purposes of this section, "sea level rise exposure
11 areas" means a sea level rise exposure area identified and
12 officially designated by the Hawaii climate change mitigation
13 and adaptation commission or its successor.

14 (c) The office of planning may adopt rules pursuant to
15 chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section."

16 SECTION 11. (a) The office of planning shall develop a
17 financing strategy to address the costs of adaptation to sea
18 level rise. The strategy shall consider potential federal,
19 state, county, private sector, and philanthropic sources to
20 secure significant and sustainable funding for investments that



1 reduce risks, harm to persons, and spending in response to
2 disasters associated with sea level rise.

3 (b) The financing strategy shall address any costs
4 anticipated due to sea level rise, including but not limited to:

5 (1) Land acquisition, including land acquisition for
6 wetland and beach migration and public access;

7 (2) Relocation or retrofitting of critical infrastructure;

8 (3) Relocation or retrofitting of residential areas to
9 increase flood resiliency; and

10 (4) Costs identified by:

11 (A) A comprehensive market assessment developed by a
12 county pursuant to section 46-A(a)(2);

13 (B) A redevelopment strategy developed by a county
14 pursuant to section 46-A(a)(3); and

15 (C) The climate change resilience study conducted by
16 the department of land and natural resources
17 pursuant to section 22 of this Act.

18 (c) The office of planning may consider as part of the
19 strategy proposed laws or ordinances to:

20 (1) Develop tax incentive programs and special tax
21 districts;



- 1 (2) Create incentives to encourage landward relocation,
2 infrastructure retrofitting, siting of new
3 development, conservation of open space, and
4 preservation or restoration of natural flood buffers;
- 5 (3) Utilize private sector funding sources, including
6 voluntary contribution of funding or compensatory
7 payment of assessments such as impact fees,
8 sustainability fees on permit applications for new
9 development, or other assessments on real property;
- 10 (4) Identify grant opportunities from philanthropic
11 interests; and
- 12 (5) Create a statewide nonprofit organization to raise
13 funds for projects to protect vulnerable populations,
14 including persons who are economically disadvantaged,
15 seniors, disabled persons, and veterans.
- 16 (d) The office of planning shall submit a report of its
17 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
18 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of 2022.

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PART V

1 SECTION 12. The purpose of this part is to implement
2 provisions of the Hawai'i sea level vulnerability and adaptation
3 report relating to the land use commission.

4 SECTION 13. Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§205- Managed retreat; agricultural and conservation
8 lands. (a) The commission may develop a policy to address the
9 managed retreat of urban areas onto lands zoned for agricultural
10 and conservation use; provided that the policy:

- 11 (1) Supports the State's sustainability goals;
12 (2) Protects agricultural and conservation lands to the
13 greatest extent possible; and
14 (3) Includes guidelines to:
15 (A) Minimize urban sprawl;
16 (B) Promote energy and transportation efficiencies;
17 (C) Reduce hazard exposure; and
18 (D) Protect important agricultural lands, natural
19 resources, and environmentally or culturally
20 sensitive areas.



- 1 (A) Protect, preserve, and, where desirable, restore
2 those natural and manmade historic and
3 prehistoric resources in the coastal zone
4 management area that are significant in Hawaiian
5 and American history and culture.
- 6 (3) Scenic and open space resources;
- 7 (A) Protect, preserve, and, where desirable, restore
8 or improve the quality of coastal scenic and open
9 space resources.
- 10 (4) Coastal ecosystems;
- 11 (A) Protect valuable coastal ecosystems, including
12 reefs, from disruption and minimize adverse
13 impacts on all coastal ecosystems.
- 14 (5) Economic uses;
- 15 (A) Provide public or private facilities and
16 improvements important to the State's economy in
17 suitable locations.
- 18 (6) Coastal hazards;
- 19 (A) Reduce hazard to life and property from tsunami,
20 storm waves, stream flooding, erosion,
21 subsidence, and pollution.



- 1 (7) Managing development;
- 2 (A) Improve the development review process,
- 3 communication, and public participation in the
- 4 management of coastal resources and hazards.
- 5 (8) Public participation;
- 6 (A) Stimulate public awareness, education, and
- 7 participation in coastal management.
- 8 (9) Beach protection;
- 9 (A) Protect beaches for public use and recreation.
- 10 (10) Marine resources;
- 11 (A) Promote the protection, use, and development of
- 12 marine and coastal resources to assure their
- 13 sustainability.
- 14 (11) Sea level rise;
- 15 (A) Promote adaptation strategies for accommodation,
- 16 protection, and retreat in response to sea level
- 17 rise.
- 18 (c) Policies.
- 19 (1) Recreational resources;
- 20 (A) Improve coordination and funding of coastal
- 21 recreational planning and management; and



1 (B) Provide adequate, accessible, and diverse
2 recreational opportunities in the coastal zone
3 management area by:

4 (i) Protecting coastal resources uniquely suited
5 for recreational activities that cannot be
6 provided in other areas;

7 (ii) Requiring replacement of coastal resources
8 having significant recreational value
9 including, but not limited to surfing sites,
10 fishponds, and sand beaches, when [~~such~~]
11 those resources will be unavoidably damaged
12 by development; or requiring reasonable
13 monetary compensation to the State for
14 recreation when replacement is not feasible
15 or desirable;

16 (iii) Providing and managing adequate public
17 access, consistent with conservation of
18 natural resources, to and along shorelines
19 with recreational value;



- 1 (iv) Providing an adequate supply of shoreline
2 parks and other recreational facilities
3 suitable for public recreation;
- 4 (v) Ensuring public recreational uses of county,
5 state, and federally owned or controlled
6 shoreline lands and waters having
7 recreational value consistent with public
8 safety standards and conservation of natural
9 resources;
- 10 (vi) Adopting water quality standards and
11 regulating point and nonpoint sources of
12 pollution to protect, and where feasible,
13 restore the recreational value of coastal
14 waters;
- 15 (vii) Developing new shoreline recreational
16 opportunities, where appropriate, such as
17 artificial lagoons, artificial beaches, and
18 artificial reefs for surfing and fishing;
19 and
- 20 (viii) Encouraging reasonable dedication of
21 shoreline areas with recreational value for



1 public use as part of discretionary
2 approvals or permits by the land use
3 commission, board of land and natural
4 resources, and county authorities; and
5 crediting such dedication against the
6 requirements of section 46-6[+].

7 (2) Historic resources;

8 (A) Identify and analyze significant archaeological
9 resources;

10 (B) Maximize information retention through
11 preservation of remains and artifacts or salvage
12 operations; and

13 (C) Support state goals for protection, restoration,
14 interpretation, and display of historic
15 resources[+].

16 (3) Scenic and open space resources;

17 (A) Identify valued scenic resources in the coastal
18 zone management area;

19 (B) Ensure that new developments are compatible with
20 their visual environment by designing and
21 locating [~~such~~] developments to minimize the



- 1 alteration of natural landforms and existing
2 public views to and along the shoreline;
- 3 (C) Preserve, maintain, and, where desirable, improve
4 and restore shoreline open space and scenic
5 resources; and
- 6 (D) Encourage those developments that are not coastal
7 dependent to locate in inland areas[+].
- 8 (4) Coastal ecosystems;
- 9 (A) Exercise an overall conservation ethic, and
10 practice stewardship in the protection, use, and
11 development of marine and coastal resources;
- 12 (B) Improve the technical basis for natural resource
13 management;
- 14 (C) Preserve valuable coastal ecosystems, including
15 reefs, of significant biological or economic
16 importance;
- 17 (D) Minimize disruption or degradation of coastal
18 water ecosystems by effective regulation of
19 stream diversions, channelization, and similar
20 land and water uses, recognizing competing water
21 needs; and



1 (E) Promote water quantity and quality planning and
2 management practices that reflect the tolerance
3 of fresh water and marine ecosystems and maintain
4 and enhance water quality through the development
5 and implementation of point and nonpoint source
6 water pollution control measures [7].

7 (5) Economic uses;

8 (A) Concentrate coastal dependent development in
9 appropriate areas;

10 (B) Ensure that coastal dependent development such as
11 harbors and ports, and coastal related
12 development such as visitor industry facilities
13 and energy generating facilities, are located,
14 designed, and constructed to minimize adverse
15 social, visual, and environmental impacts in the
16 coastal zone management area; and

17 (C) Direct the location and expansion of coastal
18 dependent developments to areas presently
19 designated and used for [~~such~~] those developments
20 and permit reasonable long-term growth at [~~such~~]
21 those areas, and permit coastal dependent



1 development outside of presently designated areas

2 when:

3 (i) Use of presently designated locations is not
4 feasible;

5 (ii) Adverse environmental effects are minimized;
6 and

7 (iii) The development is important to the State's
8 economy [✓].

9 (6) Coastal hazards;

10 (A) Develop and communicate adequate information
11 about storm wave, tsunami, flood, erosion,
12 subsidence, and point and nonpoint source
13 pollution hazards;

14 (B) Control development in areas subject to storm
15 wave, tsunami, flood, erosion, hurricane, wind,
16 subsidence, and point and nonpoint source
17 pollution hazards;

18 (C) Ensure that developments comply with requirements
19 of the Federal Flood Insurance Program; and

20 (D) Prevent coastal flooding from inland projects [✓].

21 (7) Managing development;



- 1 (A) Use, implement, and enforce existing law
2 effectively to the maximum extent possible in
3 managing present and future coastal zone
4 development;
- 5 (B) Facilitate timely processing of applications for
6 development permits and resolve overlapping or
7 conflicting permit requirements; and
- 8 (C) Communicate the potential [~~short~~] short- and
9 long-term impacts of proposed significant coastal
10 developments early in their life cycle and in
11 terms understandable to the public to facilitate
12 public participation in the planning and review
13 process [✓].
- 14 (8) Public participation;
- 15 (A) Promote public involvement in coastal zone
16 management processes;
- 17 (B) Disseminate information on coastal management
18 issues by means of educational materials,
19 published reports, staff contact, and public
20 workshops for persons and organizations concerned



- 1 with coastal issues, developments, and government
- 2 activities; and
- 3 (C) Organize workshops, policy dialogues, and site-
- 4 specific mediations to respond to coastal issues
- 5 and conflicts[+].
- 6 (9) Beach protection;
- 7 (A) Locate new structures inland from the shoreline
- 8 setback to conserve open space, minimize
- 9 interference with natural shoreline processes,
- 10 and minimize loss of improvements due to erosion;
- 11 (B) Prohibit construction of private erosion-
- 12 protection structures seaward of the shoreline,
- 13 except when they result in improved aesthetic and
- 14 engineering solutions to erosion at the sites and
- 15 do not interfere with existing recreational and
- 16 waterline activities;
- 17 (C) Minimize the construction of public erosion-
- 18 protection structures seaward of the shoreline;
- 19 (D) Prohibit private property owners from creating a
- 20 public nuisance by inducing or cultivating the



- 1 private property owner's vegetation in a beach
2 transit corridor; and
- 3 (E) Prohibit private property owners from creating a
4 public nuisance by allowing the private property
5 owner's unmaintained vegetation to interfere or
6 encroach upon a beach transit corridor[+].
- 7 (10) Marine resources;
- 8 (A) Ensure that the use and development of marine and
9 coastal resources are ecologically and
10 environmentally sound and economically
11 beneficial;
- 12 (B) Coordinate the management of marine and coastal
13 resources and activities to improve effectiveness
14 and efficiency;
- 15 (C) Assert and articulate the interests of the State
16 as a partner with federal agencies in the sound
17 management of ocean resources within the United
18 States exclusive economic zone;
- 19 (D) Promote research, study, and understanding of
20 ocean processes, marine life, and other ocean
21 resources to acquire and inventory information



1 necessary to understand how ocean development
2 activities relate to and impact upon ocean and
3 coastal resources; and

4 (E) Encourage research and development of new,
5 innovative technologies for exploring, using, or
6 protecting marine and coastal resources.

7 (11) Sea level rise;

8 (A) Identify coastal areas that are vulnerable to sea
9 level rise;

10 (B) Control development in areas subject to sea level
11 rise and associated hazards, including coastal
12 flooding, erosion, storm surge from tropical
13 cyclones, beach loss, and pollution; and

14 (C) Promote development that takes into consideration
15 adaptation strategies for accommodation,
16 protection, and retreat in response to sea level
17 rise."

18 **PART VII**

19 SECTION 16. The purpose of this part is to implement
20 provisions of the Hawai'i sea level vulnerability and adaptation
21 report relating to the office of environmental quality control.



1 SECTION 17. Chapter 341, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§341- Sea level rise; environmental review process;
5 guidance. (a) The director shall issue specific guidance on
6 integrating:

7 (1) Sea level rise; and

8 (2) Climate change,

9 in the environmental review process.

10 (b) Guidance on integrating sea level rise shall highlight
11 the need for analysis of the proposed action in terms of design
12 and siting to address the impacts of sea level rise, using the
13 sea level rise exposure area as a vulnerability zone.

14 (c) Guidance on integrating climate change shall highlight
15 the need for analysis of the proposed action in the context of
16 the future state of the environment.

17 (d) The guidance required by this section shall be modeled
18 after the federal guidance issued by the United States Council
19 on Environmental Quality for federal departments and agencies on
20 consideration of greenhouse gas emissions and the effects of
21 climate change.



- 1 (2) Acquisition of historic or cultural properties, real
2 or personal, in fee or in any lesser interest, by
3 gift, purchase, condemnation, devise, bequest, land
4 exchange, or other means; preservation, restoration,
5 administration, or transference of the property; and
6 the charging of reasonable admissions to that
7 property;
- 8 (3) Development of a statewide survey and inventory to
9 identify and document historic properties, aviation
10 artifacts, and burial sites, including ~~all~~:
11 (A) All those owned by the State and the counties;
12 and
13 (B) Traditional and customary native Hawaiian
14 cultural resources and practices impacted by sea
15 level rise;
- 16 (4) Preparation of information for the Hawaii register of
17 historic places and listing on the national register
18 of historic places;
- 19 (5) Preparation, review, and revisions of a state historic
20 preservation plan, including budget requirements and
21 land use recommendations;



- 1 (6) Application for and receipt of gifts, grants,
2 technical assistance, and other funding from public
3 and private sources for the purposes of this chapter;
- 4 (7) Provision of technical and financial assistance to the
5 counties and public and private agencies involved in
6 historic preservation activities;
- 7 (8) Coordination of activities of the counties in
8 accordance with the state plan for historic
9 preservation;
- 10 (9) Stimulation of public interest in historic
11 preservation, including the development and
12 implementation of interpretive programs for historic
13 properties listed on or eligible for the Hawaii
14 register of historic places;
- 15 (10) Coordination of the evaluation and management of
16 burial sites as provided in section 6E-43;
- 17 (11) Acquisition of burial sites in fee or in any lesser
18 interest, by gift, purchase, condemnation, devise,
19 bequest, land exchange, or other means, to be held in
20 trust;



- 1 (12) The development of a culturally-based adaptation
2 process and protocols to preserve burial sites, burial
3 goods, human skeletal remains, and native Hawaiian
4 cultural resources and practices that may be impacted
5 by sea level rise; provided that the process and
6 protocols shall be developed in consultation with:
- 7 (A) The office of Hawaiian affairs;
8 (B) Island burial councils established by section
9 6E-43.5; and
- 10 (C) Other native Hawaiian organizations across the
11 State;
- 12 [~~12~~] (13) Submittal of an annual report to the governor
13 and legislature detailing the accomplishments of the
14 year, recommendations for changes in the state plan or
15 future programs relating to historic preservation, and
16 an accounting of all income, expenditures, and the
17 fund balance of the Hawaii historic preservation
18 special fund;
- 19 [~~13~~] (14) Regulation of archaeological activities
20 throughout the State;



1 ~~[(14)]~~ (15) Employment of sufficient professional and
2 technical staff for the purposes of this chapter which
3 shall be in accordance with chapter 76;

4 ~~[(15)]~~ (16) The charging of fees to be determined by the
5 department that are proportional to the nature and
6 complexity of the projects or services provided, and
7 adjusted from time to time to ensure that the
8 proceeds, together with all other fines, income, and
9 penalties collected under this chapter, do not surpass
10 the annual operating costs of the comprehensive
11 historic preservation program;

12 ~~[(16)]~~ (17) Adoption of rules in accordance with chapter 91,
13 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
14 and

15 ~~[(17)]~~ (18) Development and adoption, in consultation with
16 the office of Hawaiian affairs native historic
17 preservation council, of rules governing permits for
18 access by native Hawaiians and Hawaiians to cultural,
19 historic, and pre-contact sites and monuments."

20 SECTION 20. Section 171-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended to read as follows:



1 "§171-6 Powers. Except as otherwise provided by law, the
2 board of land and natural resources shall have the powers and
3 functions granted to the heads of departments and the board of
4 land and natural resources under chapter 26.

5 In addition to the foregoing, the board may:

- 6 (1) Adopt a seal;
- 7 (2) Administer oaths;
- 8 (3) Prescribe forms of instruments and documents;
- 9 (4) Adopt rules which, upon compliance with chapter 91,
10 shall have the force and effect of law;
- 11 (5) Set, charge, demand, and collect reasonable fees for
12 the preparation of documents to be issued, for the
13 surveying of public lands, and for the issuing of
14 certified copies of its government records, which
15 fees, when collected, shall be deposited into the
16 state general fund, unless otherwise specified in this
17 chapter;
- 18 (6) Establish additional restrictions, requirements, or
19 conditions, not inconsistent with those prescribed in
20 this chapter, relating to the use of particular land
21 being disposed of, the terms of sale, lease, license,



- 1 or permit, and the qualifications of any person to
2 draw, bid, or negotiate for public land;
- 3 (7) Reduce or waive the lease rental at the beginning of
4 the lease on any lease of public land to be used for
5 any agricultural or pastoral use, or for resort,
6 commercial, industrial, or other business use where
7 the land being leased requires substantial
8 improvements to be placed thereon; provided that
9 [~~such~~] the reduction or waiver shall not exceed two
10 years for land to be used for any agricultural or
11 pastoral use, or exceed one year for land to be used
12 for resort, commercial, industrial, or other business
13 use;
- 14 (8) Delegate to the chairperson or employees of the
15 department of land and natural resources, subject to
16 the board's control and responsibility, [~~such~~] powers
17 and duties as may be lawful or proper for the
18 performance of the functions vested in the board;
- 19 (9) Use arbitration under chapter 658A to settle any
20 controversy arising out of any existing or future
21 lease;



- 1 (10) Set, charge, and collect reasonable fees in an amount
2 sufficient to defray the cost of performing or
3 otherwise providing for the inspection of activities
4 permitted upon the issuance of a land license
5 involving a commercial purpose;
- 6 (11) Appoint masters or hearing officers to conduct public
7 hearings as provided by law and under [~~such~~]
8 conditions as the board by rules shall establish;
- 9 (12) Bring [~~such~~] actions as may be necessary to remove or
10 remedy encroachments upon public lands. Any person
11 causing an encroachment upon public land shall:
- 12 (A) Be fined not more than \$1,000 a day for the first
13 offense;
- 14 (B) Be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than
15 \$4,000 per day upon the second offense and
16 thereafter;
- 17 (C) If required by the board, restore the land to its
18 original condition if altered and assume the
19 costs thereof;
- 20 (D) Assume [~~such~~] the costs [~~as~~] that may result from
21 adverse effects from [~~such~~] the restoration; and



- 1 (E) Be liable for administrative costs incurred by
2 the department and for payment of damages;
- 3 (13) Set, charge, and collect interest and a service charge
4 on delinquent payments due on leases, sales, or other
5 accounts. The rate of interest shall not exceed one
6 per cent a month and the service charge shall not
7 exceed \$50 a month for each delinquent payment;
8 provided that the contract shall state the interest
9 rate and the service charge and be signed by the party
10 to be charged;
- 11 (14) Set, charge, and collect additional rentals for the
12 unauthorized use of public lands by a lessee,
13 licensee, grantee, or permittee who is in violation of
14 any term or condition of a lease, license, easement,
15 or revocable permit, retroactive to the date of the
16 occurrence of the violation. [~~Such~~] Those amounts
17 shall be considered delinquent payments and shall be
18 subject to interest and service charges as provided in
19 paragraph (13);
- 20 (15) Set, charge, and collect reasonable fines for
21 violation of this chapter or any rule adopted



1 thereunder. Any person engaging in any prohibited use
2 of public lands or conducting any prohibited activity
3 on public lands, or violating any of the other
4 provisions of this chapter or any rule adopted
5 thereunder, for which violation a penalty is not
6 otherwise provided, shall be:

7 (A) Fined not more than \$5,000 per violation for a
8 first violation or a violation beyond five years
9 of the last violation; provided that, after
10 written or verbal notification from the
11 department, an additional \$1,000 per day per
12 violation may be assessed for each day in which
13 the violation persists;

14 (B) Fined not more than \$10,000 per violation for a
15 second violation within five years of the last
16 violation; provided that, after written or verbal
17 notification from the department, an additional
18 \$2,000 per day per violation may be assessed for
19 each day in which the violation persists;

20 (C) Fined not more than \$20,000 per violation for a
21 third or subsequent violation within five years



1 of the last violation; provided that, after
2 written or verbal notification from the
3 department, an additional \$4,000 per day per
4 violation may be assessed for each day in which
5 the violation persists; and

6 (D) Liable for administrative costs and expenses
7 incurred by the department and for payment for
8 damages, including but not limited to natural
9 resource damages.

10 In addition to the fines, administrative costs, and
11 damages provided for hereinabove, for damage to or
12 theft of natural resources, the board may also set,
13 charge, and collect a fine that, in its discretion, is
14 appropriate considering the value of the natural
15 resource that is damaged or the subject of the theft.

16 In arriving at an appropriate fine, the board may
17 consider the market value of the natural resource
18 damaged or taken and any other factor it deems
19 appropriate, such as the loss of the natural resource
20 to its natural habitat and environment and the cost of
21 restoration or replacement. The remedies provided for



1 in this paragraph are cumulative and in addition to
2 any other remedies allowed by law.

3 No person shall be sanctioned pursuant to this section
4 for the exercise of native Hawaiian gathering rights
5 and traditional cultural practices as authorized by
6 law or as permitted by the department pursuant to
7 article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii [~~state~~
8 ~~constitution,~~] State Constitution;

9 (16) Issue revenue bonds, subject to the approval of the
10 legislature. All revenue bonds shall be issued
11 pursuant to part III of chapter 39, except as provided
12 in this chapter. All revenue bonds shall be issued in
13 the name of the department and not in the name of the
14 State. The final maturity date of the revenue bonds
15 may be any date not exceeding thirty years from the
16 date of issuance;

17 (17) Pledge or assign all or any part of the receipts and
18 revenues of the department. The revenue bonds shall
19 be payable from and secured solely by the revenue
20 derived by the department from the industrial park or
21 parks for which the bonds are issued;



1 (18) Reimburse the state general fund for debt service on
2 general obligation bonds or reimbursable general
3 obligation bonds issued by the State for purposes of
4 this chapter;

5 (19) Notwithstanding part II of chapter 205A to the
6 contrary, plan, design, construct, operate, and
7 maintain any lands or facilities under the
8 jurisdiction of the division of boating and ocean
9 recreation of the department without the need to
10 obtain a special management area minor permit or
11 special management area use permit; [~~and~~]

12 (20) Develop and enter into public-private partnerships for
13 coastal land acquisition, beach management, reef
14 protection, and other activities that preserve coastal
15 resources; and

16 [~~(20)~~] (21) Do any and all things necessary to carry out its
17 purposes and exercise the powers granted in this
18 chapter."

19 SECTION 21. Section 173A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:



1 "(g) The acquisition of interests or rights in land having
2 value as a resource to the State for the preservation of the
3 following shall constitute a public purpose for which public
4 funds may be expended or advanced:

- 5 (1) Watershed protection;
6 (2) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access;
7 (3) Habitat protection;
8 (4) Cultural and historical sites;
9 (5) Recreational and public hunting areas;
10 (6) Parks;
11 (7) Natural areas;
12 (8) Agricultural production; ~~and~~
13 (9) Open spaces and scenic resources[-]; and
14 (10) Lands that buffer or otherwise may preserve adjacent
15 beaches and other coastal areas.

16 (h) The fund shall be used for:

- 17 (1) The acquisition of interests or rights in land having
18 value as a resource to the State, including
19 conservation easements, whether in fee title or
20 through the establishment of permanent conservation
21 easements under chapter 198 or agricultural easements;



- 1 (2) The payment of any debt service on state financial
2 instruments relating to the acquisition of interests
3 or rights in land having value as a resource to the
4 State;
- 5 (3) Annual administration costs for the fund, not to
6 exceed five per cent of annual fund revenues of the
7 previous year[+]; and[+]
- 8 (4) Costs related to the operation, maintenance, and
9 management of lands acquired by way of this fund that
10 are necessary to protect, maintain, or restore
11 resources at risk on these lands, or that provide for
12 greater public access and enjoyment of these lands;
13 provided that the costs related to the operation,
14 maintenance, and management of lands acquired by way
15 of this fund do not exceed five per cent of annual
16 fund revenues of the previous year."

17 SECTION 22. (a) The department of land and natural
18 resources shall conduct a climate change resilience study. The
19 study shall:

- 20 (1) Determine incentives that the State may implement to
21 promote improved flood risk management in the State,



- 1 particularly incentives that focus on encouraging
2 action in the private sector;
- 3 (2) Identify existing and potential new areas for coastal
4 wildlife refuges throughout the State to support:
5 (A) New wetlands that may form due to sea level rise;
6 and
7 (B) Wildlife migration from other coastal areas,
8 including the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands;
9 provided that the list shall be developed in
10 consultation with federal agencies, the counties, and
11 nongovernmental organizations;
- 12 (3) Identify near-term and long-term shoreline
13 conservation and restoration guidelines to support
14 adaptation to sea level rise, including:
15 (A) Recommendations on the use of seawalls,
16 floodwalls, bulkheads, revetments, and other
17 shoreline armoring;
18 (B) Policies to restrict the use of variances for
19 seawalls, floodwalls, bulkheads, revetments, and
20 other shoreline armoring; and



1 (C) Ways to discourage the use of seawalls,
2 floodwalls, bulkheads, revetments, and other
3 shoreline armoring as an option for shoreline
4 protection, including:

5 (i) Adoption of policies that favor non-
6 structural armoring, such as beach
7 nourishment;

8 (ii) The adoption of fees or lease payments for
9 the use of shoreline armoring; and

10 (iii) The use of county ordinances to require
11 property owners to consider relocation of
12 structures before the property owner may
13 consider shoreline armoring; and

14 (4) Consider the feasibility of establishing a statewide
15 buy-out program for residential property owners
16 vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise.

17 Specifically, the department of land and natural
18 resources shall examine the feasibility of a program
19 modeled after the flood mitigation assistance grant
20 program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



1 In conducting the study, the department of land and natural
2 resources shall solicit comments from the public and hold at
3 least one public hearing.

4 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall
5 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
6 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
7 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
8 2021.

9 SECTION 23. (a) The office of conservation and coastal
10 lands of the department of land and natural resources shall
11 conduct a statewide assessment to prioritize beaches that are
12 important for:

- 13 (1) Recreational uses;
14 (2) Cultural practices; and
15 (3) Wildlife habitat.

16 (b) The office of conservation and coastal lands shall
17 consult with the appropriate federal, state, and county-level
18 agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and local stakeholders
19 in conducting the assessment required by this section.

20 (c) The office of conservation and coastal lands shall
21 identify beaches where special adaptation measures, such as



1 preservation of undeveloped lands, managed retreat, and
2 prohibition of coastal armoring, may be implemented to ensure
3 survival of the identified beaches.

4 (d) The office of conservation and coastal lands shall
5 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
6 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
7 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
8 2021.

9 **PART IX**

10 SECTION 24. The purpose of this part is to implement parts
11 of the Hawai'i sea level vulnerability and adaptation report
12 relating to the office of Hawaiian affairs.

13 SECTION 25. (a) The office of Hawaiian affairs shall
14 establish a coastal lands and water adaptation working group,
15 which shall consult with members of the native Hawaiian
16 community to develop adaptation plans to preserve access to
17 coastal lands and water impacted by sea level rise.

18 (b) The coastal lands and water adaptation working group
19 shall include:

20 (1) The chief executive officer of the office of Hawaiian
21 affairs or the chief executive officer's designee;



- 1 (2) The chair of the Hawaiian homes commission or the
2 chair's designee;
- 3 (3) The chair of the aha moku advisory committee or the
4 chair's designee;
- 5 (4) Three persons with a background in native Hawaiian
6 cultural practices; provided that the speaker of the
7 house of representatives, the president of the senate,
8 and the governor shall each appoint one person
9 pursuant to this paragraph; and
- 10 (5) Three persons with a background in climate change
11 science; provided that the speaker of the house of
12 representatives, the president of the senate, and the
13 governor shall each appoint one person pursuant to
14 this paragraph.
- 15 (c) The coastal lands and water adaptation working group
16 members shall select the working group chairperson from among
17 its members.
- 18 (d) The coastal lands and water adaptation working group
19 shall utilize data from the Hawaii sea level rise vulnerability
20 and adaptation report to conduct its duties.



1 (e) The members of the working group shall serve without
2 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
3 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

4 (f) The coastal lands and water adaptation working group
5 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
6 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
8 of 2021.

9 **PART X**

10 SECTION 26. The purpose of this part is to implement
11 portions of the Hawai'i sea level vulnerability and adaptation
12 report that relate to the department of health.

13 SECTION 27. (a) The department of health shall conduct a
14 sea level rise mitigation review. The review shall:

15 (1) Identify sites or geographic areas with the highest
16 probability of large or catastrophic failures or
17 releases associated with increased coastal flooding
18 due to sea level rise. In conducting this part of the
19 review, the department of health shall:

20 (A) Review existing permits, site records, and agency
21 files;



1 (B) Conduct a thorough review of hazardous material
2 and waste storage facilities within sea level
3 rise exposure areas; and

4 (C) Develop hazard mitigation measures that
5 landowners, permittees, and operators of the
6 identified sites or geographic areas can use to
7 address the threats from sea level rise; and

8 (2) Conduct a comprehensive review and gap analysis of the
9 State's laws, existing environmental regulations,
10 guidance documents, and best management practices
11 relating to the construction, maintenance, and
12 mitigation of underground storage tanks, on-site
13 sewage disposal systems or wastewater treatment, and
14 hazardous materials and waste storage facilities. The
15 review and gap analysis shall focus on:

16 (A) Existing regulations that allow for siting new
17 facilities in flood hazard prone areas;

18 (B) Monitoring or enforcement of existing vulnerable
19 systems and facilities; and



1 (C) Identifying recommendations for changes and
2 improvements to current regulations, guidance,
3 and statutes for future updates.

4 (b) For purposes of this section, "sea level rise exposure
5 area" means a sea level rise exposure area identified and
6 officially designated by the Hawaii climate change mitigation
7 and adaptation commission or its successor.

8 (c) The department of health shall submit a report of its
9 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
10 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
11 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

12 **PART XI**

13 SECTION 28. The purpose of this part is to require that
14 mandatory seller disclosures in real estate transactions include
15 identification of residential real properties within a sea level
16 rise exposure area, as recommended by the Hawai'i sea level rise
17 vulnerability and adaptation report.

18 SECTION 29. Section 508D-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

20 "(a) When residential real property lies:



- 1 .(1) Within the boundaries of a special flood hazard area
2 as officially designated on Flood Insurance
3 Administration maps promulgated by the United States
4 Department of Housing and Urban Development for the
5 purposes of determining eligibility for emergency
6 flood insurance programs;
- 7 (2) Within the boundaries of the noise exposure area shown
8 on maps prepared by the department of transportation
9 in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation part
10 150, Airport Noise Compatibility Planning (14 C.F.R.
11 part 150) for any public airport;
- 12 (3) Within the boundaries of the Air Installation
13 Compatible Use Zone of any Air Force, Army, Navy, or
14 Marine Corps airport as officially designated by
15 military authorities; [~~or~~]
- 16 (4) Within the anticipated inundation areas designated on
17 the department of defense's emergency management
18 tsunami inundation maps [~~or~~]; or
- 19 (5) Within a sea level rise exposure area as officially
20 designated by the Hawaii climate change mitigation and
21 adaptation commission or its successor,



1 subject to the availability of maps that designate the four
2 areas by tax map key (zone, section, parcel), the seller shall
3 include the material fact information in the disclosure
4 statement provided to the buyer subject to this chapter. Each
5 county shall provide, where available, maps of its jurisdiction
6 detailing the four designated areas specified in this
7 subsection. The maps shall identify the properties situated
8 within the four designated areas by tax map key number (zone,
9 section, parcel) and shall be of a size sufficient to provide
10 information necessary to serve the purposes of this section.
11 Each county shall provide legible copies of the maps and may
12 charge a reasonable copying fee."

13 **PART XII**

14 SECTION 30. The purpose of this part is to implement parts
15 of the Hawai'i sea level vulnerability and adaptation report
16 relating to the Hawai'i climate change mitigation and adaptation
17 commission.

18 SECTION 31. Section 225P-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 **"§225P-3 Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation**
21 **commission; general functions, duties, and powers. (a) There**



1 is established the Hawaii climate change mitigation and
2 adaptation commission that shall be placed within the department
3 of land and natural resources for administrative purposes only.

4 (b) Coordination of the commission shall be headed jointly
5 by the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources,
6 or the chairperson's designee, and the director of the office of
7 planning, or the director's designee.

8 (c) The commission shall include the following members:

- 9 (1) The chairs of the standing committees of the
10 legislature [~~with~~] having subject matter jurisdiction
11 encompassing environmental protection and land use;
- 12 (2) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
13 resources or the chairperson's designee, who shall be
14 [~~the~~] a co-chair of the commission;
- 15 (3) The director of the office of planning or the
16 director's designee, who shall be [~~the~~] a co-chair of
17 the commission;
- 18 (4) The director of business, economic development, and
19 tourism or the director's designee;



- 1 (5) The chairperson of the board of directors of the
2 Hawaii tourism authority or the chairperson's
3 designee;
- 4 (6) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the
5 chairperson's designee;
- 6 (7) The chief executive officer of the office of Hawaiian
7 affairs or the officer's designee;
- 8 (8) The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission or
9 the chairperson's designee;
- 10 (9) The director of transportation or the director's
11 designee;
- 12 (10) The director of health or the director's designee;
- 13 (11) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's
14 designee;
- 15 (12) The chairperson of the board of education or the
16 chairperson's designee;
- 17 (13) The directors of each of the county planning
18 departments, or the directors' designees; and
- 19 (14) The manager of the coastal zone management program.
- 20 (d) In addition to the members listed in subsection (c),
21 the [~~chairs~~] co-chairs of the commission may request the



1 participation or input of members of the public; experts in the
2 field; and county, state, or federal officials or others as
3 necessary.

4 (e) The members of the commission shall serve without pay
5 but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses,
6 including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their
7 duties.

8 (f) The commission shall provide policy direction,
9 facilitation, coordination, and planning among state and county
10 agencies, federal agencies, and other partners as appropriate.

11 (g) The commission shall establish climate change
12 mitigation and adaptation strategies and goals to help guide
13 planning and implementation statewide using the latest
14 scientific analysis and risk assessment to monitor and forecast
15 climate change-related impacts at the regional, state, and local
16 level, including any additional information deemed necessary.

17 (h) The commission shall identify vulnerable people,
18 communities, industries, ecosystems, and the potential economic
19 ramifications for climate change-related impacts.

20 (i) The commission shall identify existing climate change
21 mitigation and adaptation efforts at the federal, state, and



1 local levels and make recommendations for how to meet or exceed
2 Hawaii's state mitigation goals and shall adopt a liberal
3 approach in preparation, so as to minimize future risk to the
4 people and environment of Hawaii.

5 (j) The commission shall assess the capacity and
6 availability of existing resources and identify new sources of
7 revenue necessary to address climate change mitigation and
8 adaptation and shall advise the governor, legislature, and
9 counties on the economic and budgetary ramifications of climate
10 change impacts, mitigation, and adaptation.

11 (k) The commission shall identify the information
12 necessary to track progress in implementing climate change
13 mitigation and adaptation efforts, including an assessment of
14 the implementation of the priorities identified by the report
15 pursuant to subsection (n)(6), and shall submit an annual report
16 to the governor and legislature no later than twenty days prior
17 to the convening of each regular session of the legislature.

18 (l) The commission shall maintain a website that includes
19 a mission statement as well as access to climate change related
20 actions, plans, policies, and results.



1 (m) The commission shall conduct a comprehensive review of
2 the implementation as required by this section and submit a
3 report to the governor, legislature, and the counties no later
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
5 of 2023 and every five years thereafter.

6 (n) The commission [~~shall~~], as a first step, shall focus
7 on and develop sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation
8 reports that shall include:

- 9 (1) Identification of the major areas of sea level rise
10 impacts affecting the State and counties through 2050;
- 11 (2) Identification of expected impacts of sea level rise
12 based on the latest scientific research for each area
13 through 2050;
- 14 (3) Identification of the economic ramifications of sea
15 level rise;
- 16 (4) Identification of applicable federal laws, policies,
17 or programs that impact affected areas; [~~and~~]
- 18 (5) Recommendations for planning, management, and
19 adaptation for hazards associated with increasing sea
20 level rise[~~-~~]; and



1 (6) Priorities derived from the recommendations developed
2 pursuant to paragraph (5) and related data that
3 convert the ideas and recommendations into specific
4 actions that state and county agencies can use to
5 mitigate and adapt to climate change and sea level
6 rise.

7 The reports shall be made publicly available [~~no later than~~
8 ~~December 31, 2017~~], and the commission shall establish a
9 maintenance schedule to reevaluate and update the sea level rise
10 vulnerability and adaptation report; provided that the
11 commission shall reevaluate and update the sea level rise
12 vulnerability and adaptation report no less than once every five
13 years. In creating a reevaluation schedule, the commission
14 shall consider the need for updating coastal hazards modeling
15 based on the extent that new modeling would substantially change
16 exposure and vulnerability in sea level rise exposure areas.

17 (o) In developing the report, pursuant to subsection (n),
18 including updated versions of the report, the commission shall:

19 (1) Solicit public views and concerns; [~~and~~]



1 (2) Coordinate with the various county, state, and federal
2 agencies involved in ongoing climate change adaptation
3 planning initiatives[-];

4 (3) Convene multi-sectoral experts to identify, research,
5 assess, and monitor priorities to support the update
6 process; and

7 (4) Develop a monitoring and evaluation plan with
8 benchmarks and indicators to support the update
9 process.

10 (p) The commission shall coordinate community engagement
11 among its member agencies to keep the State informed regarding
12 the impacts of sea level rise. Community engagement strategies
13 may include:

14 (1) Community-based planning to educate communities on
15 their risk to sea level rise;

16 (2) Creation of a software application to visualize sea
17 level rise based on geolocation and projections;

18 (3) Development of photo simulations to depict potential
19 future flooding due to climate change and sea level
20 rise; and



Report Title:

State; Counties; Climate Change; Sea Level Rise Mitigation;
Appropriation

Description:

Implements the recommendations of the Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report issued by the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission. Makes appropriations. (SD1)

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