S.B. NO. 2297

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND USE.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish neighborhood revitalization boards, administered by the counties, to develop, advocate for, and implement neighborhood revitalization plans.

SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"CHAPTER

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARDS

§ -1 Neighborhood revitalization boards; established.

(a) The council of each county may establish by resolution one neighborhood revitalization board for each neighborhood revitalization area within the county; provided that there shall not be more than three boards established in any county.

(b) In determining the areas in which to create neighborhood revitalization boards, a county council shall give preference to those neighborhoods that:
(1) Include areas that are under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development revitalization strategy area program;

(2) Have already adopted a revitalization plan; or

(3) Have an existing or planned transit center that can influence economic revitalization and affordable housing in the neighborhood.

(c) A county council may establish neighborhood revitalization boards as independent agencies within existing county agencies or departments.

§ -2 Board size; composition of members; staff. (a) The size of each neighborhood revitalization board shall be determined by the county council; provided that each neighborhood revitalization board shall consist of at least three members of the public appointed by the county council, each of whom shall reside within the census-designated place in which the board is being established, and one member from an appropriate county agency or department to be designated by the council as an ex officio member; provided further that among the public board members there shall be appointed at least one
business owner and one homeowner from the area the board represents.

(b) A county council may allow the neighborhood revitalization boards under its jurisdiction to hire their own staff, or the county council may assign staff from designated county agencies or departments to the boards.

§ -3 Powers. A neighborhood revitalization board shall have the power to:

(1) Request funding from the county councils, state legislature, and United States Congress;

(2) Approve neighborhood revitalization plans prior to the submittal of those plans to the county council for adoption;

(3) Comment on proposed policies and regulations that affect the board's neighborhood and neighborhood revitalization plan; and

(4) Advocate for the board's neighborhood and for the implementation of the board's revitalization plan.

§ -4 Neighborhood revitalization plans. (a) A neighborhood revitalization board shall develop neighborhood

revitalization plans, each of which shall include at a minimum the following:

(1) An overall statement of the plan's objectives;

(2) An outline of the neighborhood boundaries;

(3) An assessment of the existing conditions that brought about the need for the plan;

(4) A delineation of specific projects to achieve the plan's stated objectives, including estimated costs and times needed for completion; and

(5) A demonstration that the plan and projects comply with county long-range plans and other applicable county and state plans, such as neighborhood transit-oriented development plans.

A neighborhood revitalization plan may also include recommended changes to zoning and other regulatory laws.

(b) Projects included in a neighborhood revitalization plan may include public sector projects and private or non-profit projects that fulfill the plan's stated objectives and complement and strengthen public sector initiatives.

(c) The neighborhood revitalization plan preparation process shall allow for public and stakeholder participation.
§ 5 County matching funds. Each county shall provide at least per cent matching funds for any neighborhood revitalization plan or project for which the State provides funds. The matching funds may be applied to the development of the plan and to projects and actions that implement the plan, including land acquisition, planning and design studies, infrastructure or project construction, and administrative costs."

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:  
Neighborhood Revitalization Boards; Counties

Description:  
Establishes neighborhood revitalization boards, administered by the counties, to develop, advocate for, and implement neighborhood revitalization plans. Requires the counties to provide a percentage of matching funds for any revitalization plan or project for which the State provides funds.

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