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Appendix A

Summary of Hawai‘i’s Planning Process



The following is a summary of the major components of Hawai‘i’s comprehensive planning process.

Hawai‘i State Plan

The Hawai‘i State Plan, Haw. Rev. Stat. Ch. 226, was adopted into law in 1978 as a comprehensive guide for the long-range future development of the state. In particular, the Hawai‘i State Planning Act (SLH 1978) set forth Hawai‘i’s overall themes, goals and objectives, which state the following:

“The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the Hawai‘i State plan that shall serve as a guide for the future long-range development of the State; identify the goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for the State; provide a basis for determining priorities and allocating limited resources, such as public funds, services, human resources, land, energy, water, and other resources; improve coordination of federal, state, and county plans, policies, programs, projects, and regulatory activities; and to establish a system for plan formulation and program coordination to provide for an integration of all major state, and county activities.”

The process of creating the Hawai‘i State Plan engaged thousands of public and private citizens in a comprehensive community outreach campaign. Brochures, slide presentations and public service announcements and meeting notices informed participants of various opportunities to provide input into the creation of the Hawai‘i State Plan. Various organizations and community groups including businesses, chambers of commerce, state boards and commissions, rotary clubs and county agencies also contributed their ideas for a desirable Hawai‘i.

A preliminary draft plan was prepared and distributed as a newspaper tabloid in all of the major papers throughout the state. An interim joint House-Senate committee kept apprised of the development of the plan. The Hawai‘i State Plan Policy Council, an advisory body comprising community representatives, state department directors and county planning directors, held the responsibility of overseeing the process.

THE HAWAII STATE PLAN CONSISTS OF THREE PARTS:

PART I sets forth the overall theme, goals, objectives and policies of the state, covering population, economy, physical environment, facility systems and socio-cultural advancement.

PART II outlines planning, coordination and implementation of the Hawai‘i State Plan, including:

- The appropriation of funds under the State budget to be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives and policies and to be guided by the Priority Guidelines and State Functional Plans;

- The budget review process of the Department of Budget and Finance to be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives and policies and to be guided by the Priority Guidelines and State Functional Plans;
- The appropriation of funds under the State Capital Improvements Program to be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives and policies and be guided by the Priority Guidelines and State Functional Plans;
- State land use decision making processes of State agencies shall be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives and policies and be guided by the Priority Guidelines and State Functional Plans;
- State Programs shall be in conformance with the overall theme, goals, objectives and policies and shall be guided by the Priority Guidelines and State Functional Plans.

PART III of the Hawai'i State Plan pertains to the State's five priority areas (since last updated in 1986), including: economic development, population growth and land resources management, affordable housing, crime and criminal justice, and quality education.

The last comprehensive review and revision of the Hawai'i State Plan occurred in 1986. Since then, the Hawai'i State Legislature has made only specific and selective amendments to the Hawai'i State Plan. For example, in the late 1980s, objectives and policies on the information industry were added to position Hawai'i as the leader in information business in the Pacific Rim. In 1994, additions to objectives and policies on energy were made to increase energy self-sufficiency, greater energy security and telecommunications and to reduce the effects of greenhouse gas.

Quality Growth Policy

Chapter 223, Haw. Rev. Stat., requires the Office of Planning to prepare a Quality Growth Policy to address issues of urban sprawl, open space and the environment, and to uplift the quality of life. A policy framework was to be developed to direct growth and land use and to identify state growth objectives.

In 1975, Chapter 225, Haw. Rev. Stat. was enacted, requiring a statewide land use guidance policy to address the concerns raised by the rapid growth of both the state and the tourism industry. Chapter 225 was repealed in 1978, followed by the enactment of Chapter 226, Haw. Rev. Stat., which adopted the comprehensive Hawai'i State Plan. While a Quality Growth Policy has not been prepared, aspects of this growth policy are addressed in components of the State Plan.



State Functional Plans

The State Functional Plans are intended to further define the Hawai'i State Plan. Twelve (12) State Functional Plans were prepared in the early 1980s and adopted by concurrent resolution by the Hawai'i State Legislature. The State Functional Plans identified needed actions on both cost and non-cost items, e.g. legislation, budget and time-frame for implementation. As part of its development, citizens and public advisory committees were formed for each functional plan, engaging hundreds of community leaders who deliberated the future of Hawai'i in the respective functional plan areas. The State Functional Plans were last updated in 1989 and 1991. The twelve (12) Functional Plans include the following policy areas:

- Agriculture
- Conservation Lands
- Employment
- Energy
- Health
- Higher Education
- Historic Preservation
- Housing
- Recreation
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Water Resources Development

In the late 1990s, the responsibility for preparing guidelines for State Functional Plans was transferred from the Office of Planning to the Department of Budget and Finance to improve the linkage between the State Functional Plans and the Executive Budget. This function was transferred back to the Office of Planning in 2001.

Planning, Programming & Budgeting System (“PPBS”)

To optimize the expenditure of public funds, the Planning, Programming & Budgeting System (“PPBS”) was developed to improve the operational effectiveness of state agency programs and the effectiveness of agency budgeting. The Department of Budget & Finance is responsible for implementing PPBS to ensure that program plans and objectives, budget requests, and agency performance are in accordance with the State's financial, program and policy goals. The budget instructions state that the agencies in submitting their budget requests must indicate how the budget request

conforms to the goals, objectives, policies and priority guidelines of the Hawai'i State Plan.

County General and Development Plans

The County General and Development plans were created to guide the physical development of lands within each county. Required by the respective County Charters, these plans generally provide conceptual schemes for the desired direction for land use to meet the social, economic and environmental needs of each of the respective counties. County plans also include urban design principles and controls, plans, and maps that describe the desired urban, rural, natural, scenic and cultural resources and uses.



Appendix B

Listing of Agencies and Organizations

Abbreviation	Full Description
DAGS	Accounting and General Services
DOA	Agriculture
B&F	Budget and Finance
DBEDT	Business, Economic Development and Tourism
DCCA	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
DOD	Defense
DOE	Education
DHHL	Hawaiian Home Lands
DOH	Health
DHRD	Human Resources Development
DHS	Human Services
DLIR	Labor and Industrial Relations
DLNR	Land and Natural Resources
DPS	Public Safety
DOT	Transportation
DoTax	Taxation
EOA	Executive Office on Aging
HHFDC	Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation
HPHA	Hawai'i Public Housing Authority
OHA	Office of Hawaiian Affairs
PUC	Public Utilities Commission
SFCA	State Foundation of Culture and the Arts
UH	University of Hawai'i
UHERO	University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization

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