State of Hawaii Office of Planning

State Land Use District Boundary Amendment Review

State Land Use Review Task Force April 3, 2014

Presentation Agenda

1. Hawaii State Land Use Law - History and Major Changes

2. Major Development Approvals in Hawaii

3. Land Use District Boundary Amendment Process

State Land Use Law (HRS Ch. 205) Historical Perspective

- Act 187 enacted in 1961 (Statehood in 1959)
- Strong central government (Gov. Burns era)
- Unprecedented population and economic growth
- Real estate speculation
- Urban sprawl without adequate service facilities
- Development on limited prime agricultural lands
- Land Use Law's Declaration of Purpose:

"... in order to preserve, protect, and encourage the development of the lands in the State for those uses to which they are best suited, the power to zone should be exercised by the State...." (See L. 1961, c. 187, § 1)

State Land Use Law Act 187, SLH 1961

Initial Role of Land Use Commission:

- 1. Determine boundaries (Urban, Agricultural, Conservation, Rural)
- 2. Decide on proposed amendments (quasi-legislative)
- 3. Conduct periodic, comprehensive reviews of classification and districting of all lands (1969 and 1975)

State Land Use Commission HRS Chapter 205

Current Role of LUC:

- Nine-members, appointed , voluntary
- Decides on:
 - 1. Petitions to amend State land use districts (quasi-judicial)
 - 2. Special permits > 15 acres in Ag/Rural
 - 3. Declaratory Rulings
 - 4. Designation of Important Agricultural Lands (IAL)

State Land Use Districts HRS §205-2

| • Urban | City-like uses | County |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Conservation | Forest reserves, watersheds | State DLNR |
| Agricultural | Cultivation, other | State, County |
| • Rural (1963) | Small farms, residential | State, County |

State Land Use Classifications

1969





Lands in State Land Use Districts 2014



OAHU

State Land Use Districts

| | Acres | <u>%</u> |
|--------------|---------|----------|
| Urban | 104,200 | 27.2 |
| Rural | 0 | 0.0 |
| Agricultural | 120,800 | 31.5 |
| Conservation | 158,700 | 41.4 |



HAWAII

State Land Use Districts

| | <u>Acres</u> | <u>%</u> |
|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Urban | 56,300 | 2.2 |
| Rural | 1,600 | 0.1 |
| Agricultural | 1,183,300 | 45.8 |
| Conservation | 1,343,100 | 52.0 |



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State Land Use Districts

| | <u>Acres</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| Urban | 14,900 | 4.2 |
| Rural | 1,400 | 0.4 |
| Agricultural | 144,300 | 40.7 |
| C onservation | 194,500 | 54.8 |

Major Changes to State Land Use Law

- 1963 Rural District added
- 1964 Boundaries established by LUC
- 1972 LUC authorized to impose conditions
- 1975 Town Decision contested case hearings required.
- 1985 OP assigned 5-Year Boundary Review
- 1995 LUC decision required w/in 365 days
- 2005 Important Agricultural Lands
- Over the years Added permissible uses in Agricultural District (increased from 5 to 21)

Land Use Planning in Hawaii

Future Plans

Hawaii State Plan -Priority Guidelines -State Agency Plans

Zoning

Land Use Districts (U, C, A, R)

If Not Permitted

State Land Use District Boundary Amendment Special Permit (Ag/Rural) Conservation Dist. Use

County General Plans County Zoning Community Plans/ Development Plans GP/CP Amendment Zone Change

Permit Approvals for Major Developments in Hawaii



Land Use District Boundary Amendment Process



• Proposed Findings

City & County of Honolulu



County of Maui



County of Hawaii



Mahalo!

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