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Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 3, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1409, H.D. 1,

RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

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ACT 159

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII ACT 159
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii faces a
- 2 persistent housing crisis. Demand for housing significantly
- 3 outpaces supply, particularly in urban areas. Transit-oriented
- 4 development districts present a critical opportunity for
- 5 efficient land use by promoting higher-density development near
- 6 public transit infrastructure, thereby maximizing the value of
- 7 public investments. Higher residential density in transit-
- 8 oriented development districts increases public transit
- 9 ridership, thus reducing dependency on private automobiles and
- 10 lowering greenhouse gas emissions, which supports the State's
- 11 climate resilience and sustainability objectives.
- 12 The legislature established transit-oriented development
- 13 infrastructure improvement districts to foster community
- 14 development by strategically investing in infrastructure
- 15 improvements through Act 184, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022. The
- 16 legislature found that transit-oriented development promotes
- 17 development patterns that enhance residents' quality of life;



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- 1 preserve the natural environment; provide a range of housing
- 2 choices for residents; and encourage walking, biking, and the
- 3 use of mass transit. Furthermore, the legislature concluded
- 4 that the State plays an important role in overcoming barriers to
- 5 transit-oriented development by encouraging needed investments
- 6 in improving regional infrastructure such as roads, sewers,
- 7 power, communication, and storm water management systems.
- 8 The legislature further recognizes that the ready
- 9 availability of affordable workforce housing near transit hubs
- 10 reduces transportation costs and improves access to employment,
- 11 education, and other essential services, especially for low- and
- 12 moderate-income households, thereby advancing social and
- 13 economic equity for the people of Hawaii.
- 14 The underutilization of land in transit-oriented
- 15 development districts, due partially to restrictive development
- 16 standards, undermines the economic and environmental benefits of
- 17 state investments in county-designated transit-oriented
- 18 development infrastructure improvement districts, contributes to
- 19 urban sprawl, and increases infrastructure costs and
- 20 environmental degradation.

1	The	legislature finds that numerous jurisdictions,
2	including	California, Oregon, and Washington, have adopted
3	minimum c	density standards for transit-oriented developments,
4	demonstra	ating the effectiveness of these measures in increasing
5	housing s	supply while bolstering transit systems. Transit-
6	oriented	development infrastructure improvement districts can
7	increase	residential density near transit hubs in order to
8	foster vi	brant, walkable communities; support local businesses;
9	and gener	ate higher property tax revenues, contributing to
10	Hawaii's	fiscal and economic vitality.
11	Acco	rdingly, the purpose of this Act is to:
12	(1)	Temporarily establish the mixed-income subaccount
13		within the rental housing revolving fund for five
14		years to finance certain projects, including those
15		located in transit-oriented developments;
16	(2)	Require the transit-oriented development
17		infrastructure improvement district board to consider
18		the infrastructure needs of transit-supportive density
19		requirements; and
20	(3)	Require the strategic plan developed by the Hawaii
21		interagency council for transit-oriented development

1	to delineate transit-oriented development areas for
2	each county.
3	SECTION 2. Section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4	amended to read as follows:
5	"§201H-202 Rental housing revolving fund. (a) There is
6	established the rental housing revolving fund to be administered
7	by the corporation.
8	(b) An amount from the fund, to be set by the corporation
9	and authorized by the legislature, may be used for
10	administrative expenses incurred by the corporation in
11	administering the corporation's housing finance programs;
12	provided that fund moneys shall not be used to finance day-to-
13	day administrative expenses of projects allotted fund moneys.
14	(c) The following may be deposited into the fund:
15	[appropriations]
16	(1) Appropriations made by the legislature[, conveyance];
17	(2) Conveyance taxes pursuant to section 247-7[7 private];
18	(3) Private contributions[, repayment];
19	(4) Repayment of loans[, interest, other];
20	(5) Interest;
21	<pre>(6) Other returns[₇]; and [moneys]</pre>

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- 1 (7) Moneys from other sources.
- 2 (d) [The] Except as provided in subsection (f), the fund
- 3 shall be used to provide loans for the development, pre-
- 4 development, construction, acquisition, preservation, and
- 5 substantial rehabilitation of rental housing units. The
- 6 corporation shall not forgive any loan made from the fund unless
- 7 the corporation forecloses on the project. Permitted uses of
- 8 the fund may include but are not limited to planning, design,
- 9 land acquisition, costs of options, agreements of sale,
- 10 downpayments, equity financing, capacity building of nonprofit
- 11 housing developers, credit enhancement, gap financing, or other
- 12 housing development services or activities as provided in rules
- 13 adopted by the corporation pursuant to chapter 91. The rules
- 14 may provide for a means of recapturing loans or grants made from
- 15 the fund if a rental housing project financed under the fund is
- 16 refinanced or sold at a later date. The rules may also provide
- 17 that moneys from the fund shall be leveraged with other
- 18 financial resources to the extent possible.
- (e) [Moneys] Except as provided in subsection (f), moneys
- 20 available in the fund shall be used for the purpose of
- 21 providing, in whole or in part, loans for rental housing

1	projects	demonstrating project readiness, efficiency, and
2	feasibili	ty acceptable to the corporation in the following order
3	of priori	ty:
4	[(1)	For projects that were awarded low-income housing
5		eredits pursuant to paragraph (2), priority shall be
6		given to projects with a perpetual affordability
7		commitment;
8	(2)]	(1) Projects or units in projects that are allocated
9		low-income housing credits pursuant to the state
10		housing credit ceiling under section 42(h) of the
11		Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or projects
12		or units in projects that are funded by programs of
13		the United States Department of Housing and Urban
14		Development and United States Department of
15		Agriculture Rural Development wherein:
16		(A) At least fifty per cent of the available units
17		are for persons and families with incomes at or
18		below eighty per cent of the median family income
19		of which at least five per cent of the available
20		units are for persons and families with incomes

1		at or below thirty per cent of the median family
2		income; and
3		(B) The remaining units are for persons and families
4		with incomes at or below one hundred per cent of
5		the median family income;
6		provided that the corporation may establish rules to
7		ensure full occupancy of fund projects; provided
8		further that for projects that were awarded low-income
9		housing credits pursuant to this paragraph, priority
10		shall be given to projects with a perpetual
11		affordability commitment. For purposes of this
12		paragraph, "perpetual" means the useful life of the
13		<pre>project; and</pre>
14	[-(3) -]	(2) Mixed-income rental projects or units in a mixed-
15		income rental project [wherein all of the available
16		units are] for persons and families with incomes at or
۱7		below one hundred forty per cent of the median family
18		income.
9	<u>(f)</u>	There is established within the fund a mixed-income
20	subaccount	. Moneys in the mixed-income subaccount shall be used
21	for financ	ring, including but not limited to loans, equity

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	investmen	its, and credit enhancement, for mixed-income rentals
2	for quali	fied residents as defined in section 201H-32. The
3	corporati	on shall establish an application process for the
4	allocatio	n of funds in the mixed-income subaccount, separate
5	from the	fund allocation process pursuant to section 201H-
6	204(c), t	hat gives preference to projects meeting the following
7	criteria:	
8	(1)	A diverse range of affordability, prioritizing persons
9		and families with incomes up to one hundred forty per
10	(-4)	cent of the median family income;
11	(.2)	Projects located on state or county owned land or
12		developed in partnership with the State or a county;
13	(3)	Projects that efficiently use state funding;
14	(4)	Mixed-income rental projects or units in a mixed-
15		income rental project in an area that satisfy transit-
16		supportive density requirements, as defined in section
17		206E-246; and
18	(5)	Any other criteria as the corporation deems necessary
19		to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
20	<u>If th</u>	ne corporation, after applying the process described in
21	this' subse	ection, finds a nonprofit or government project equally

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- 1 ranked with a for-profit project, the corporation shall give
- 2 preference to the nonprofit or government project in allotting
- 3 funds from the mixed-income subaccount.
- 4 Moneys derived from the repayment of loans funded by the
- 5 mixed-income subaccount, interest thereon, and related fees and
- 6 returns shall be deposited into the fund.
- 7 $\left[\frac{f}{f}\right]$ (g) There is established within the fund a bond
- 8 volume cap recycling program subaccount. The bond volume cap
- 9 recycling program subaccount shall be maintained as a reserve
- 10 for the bond volume cap recycling program established pursuant
- 11 to section 39B-2(f).
- 12 [(g)] (h) The corporation shall submit an annual report to
- 13 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
- 14 of each regular session describing the projects funded and, with
- 15 respect to rental housing projects targeted for persons and
- 16 families with incomes at or below thirty per cent of the median
- 17 family income, its efforts to develop those rental housing
- 18 projects, a description of proposals submitted for this target
- 19 group and action taken on the proposals, and any barriers to
- 20 developing housing units for this target group.

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1 [(h)] (i) For the purposes of this subpart, the applicable median family income shall be the median family income for the 2 county or standard metropolitan statistical area in which the 3 project is located as determined by the United States Department 4 5 of Housing and Urban Development, as adjusted from time to time. 6 [(i)] (j) The corporation may provide loans under this 7 section; provided that the corporation shall establish loan-to-8 value ratios to protect the fund from inordinate risk and that 9 under no circumstances shall the rules permit the loan-to-value 10 ratio to exceed one hundred per cent; provided further that the 11 underwriting guidelines include a debt-coverage ratio of no less 12 than 1.0 to 1. 13 $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ (k) For the period commencing July 1, 2005, through 14 June 30, 2009, the fund may be used to provide grants for rental 15 units set aside for persons and families with incomes at or 16 below thirty per cent of the median family income in any project 17 financed in whole or in part by the fund in proportion of those 18 units to the total number of units in the project. At the 19 conclusion of the period described in this subsection, the 20 corporation shall report to the legislature on the number and 21 use of grants provided and whether the grants were an effective

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- 1 use of the funds for purposes of developing rental housing for
- 2 families at or below thirty per cent of the median family
- 3 income."
- 4 SECTION 3. Section 201H-204, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 5 amended as follows:
- 6 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:
- 7 "(a) Activities eligible for assistance from the fund
- 8 shall include but not be limited to:
- 9 (1) New construction, rehabilitation, or preservation of
- 10 low-income rental housing units that meet the criteria
- for eligibility described in subsection (c) [+] or
- 12 section 201H-202(f);
- 13 (2) The leveraging of moneys with the use of fund assets;
- 14 (3) Pre-development activity grants or loans to nonprofit
- 15 organizations; and
- 16 (4) Acquisition of housing units for the purpose of
- 17 preservation as low-income or very low-income
- 18 housing."
- 19 2. By amending subsection (c) to read:
- 20 "(c) [The] Except as provided in section 201H-202(f), the
- 21 corporation shall establish an application process for fund

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1	allocation	i that gives preference to projects meeting the
2	following	criteria that are listed in descending order of
3	priority:	
4	(1)	Serve the original target group;
5	(2)	Provide at least five per cent of the total number of
6		units for persons and families with incomes at or
7		below thirty per cent of the median family income;
8	(3)	Provide the maximum number of units for persons or
9		families with incomes at or below eighty per cent of
10		the median family income;
11	(4)	Are committed to serving the target group over a
12		longer period of time;
13	(5)	Increase the integration of income levels of the
14		immediate community area;
15	(6)	Meet the geographic needs of the target group of the
16		proposed rental housing project, such as proximity to
17		employment centers and services; and
18	(7)	Have favorable past performance in developing, owning
19		managing, or maintaining affordable rental housing.
20	The c	orporation may include other criteria as it deems
21	necessary	to carry out the purposes of this subpart.

1	if the corporation, after applying the process described in
2	this subsection, finds a nonprofit project equally ranked with a
3	for-profit or government project, the corporation shall give
4	preference to the nonprofit project in allotting fund moneys."
5	SECTION 4 Section 206E-246, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	"[+]\$206E-246[+] Transit-oriented development
.8	infrastructure improvement district program; assessment; rules.
9	(a) The board shall develop a transit-oriented development
10	infrastructure improvement district program to identify
11	infrastructure improvements within each district. In
12	determining the required infrastructure improvements to be
13	undertaken, the board shall consider the infrastructure needs of
14	transit-supportive density requirements, the strategic plan
15	prepared by the Hawaii interagency council for transit-oriented
16	development pursuant to section 226-63(c), and subsequent plans
17	and studies prepared to further implement the strategic plan and
18	the transit-oriented development projects therein.

(b) Whenever the board determines to undertake, or causes

to be undertaken, any infrastructure improvement as part of the

program, the cost of providing the infrastructure improvement

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- 1 may be assessed against the real property in each district
- 2 specially benefiting from the infrastructure improvement. The
- 3 board shall determine the areas of each district that will
- 4 benefit from the infrastructure improvement to be undertaken,
- 5 and if less than the entire district benefits, the board may
- 6 establish assessment areas within the district. The board may
- 7 issue and sell bonds in amounts as may be authorized by the
- 8 legislature to provide funds to finance the infrastructure
- 9 improvements. The board may fix the assessments against real
- 10 property specially benefited. All assessments made pursuant to
- 11 this section shall be a statutory lien against each lot or
- 12 parcel of land assessed from the date of the notice declaring
- 13 the assessment until the assessment is paid, and the lien shall
- 14 have priority over all other liens except the lien of property
- 15 taxes. As between liens of assessments, the earlier lien shall
- 16 be superior to the later lien.
- 17 (c) Bonds issued to provide funds to finance transit-
- 18 oriented development infrastructure improvements shall be
- 19 secured solely by the real properties benefited or improved, the
- 20 assessments thereon, or the revenues derived from the program
- 21 for which the bonds are issued, including reserve accounts and

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2 combination thereof. The bonds may be additionally secured by the pledge or assignment of loans and other agreements or any 3 4 note or other undertaking, obligation, or property held by the 5 board. Bonds issued pursuant to this section and the income 6 therefrom shall be exempt from all state and county taxation, 7 except transfer and estate taxes. The bonds shall be issued 8 subject to rules adopted by the board pursuant to this section. 9 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in 10 assessing real property for transit-oriented development 11 infrastructure improvement, the board shall assess the real 12 property within an assessment area according to the special 13 benefits conferred upon the real property by the infrastructure 14 improvement. These methods may include assessment on a frontage 15 basis or according to the area of real property within an 16 assessment area or any other assessment method that assesses the 17 real property according to the special benefit conferred, or any

combination thereof. No assessment levied against real property

specially benefited as provided by this part shall constitute a

tax on real property within the meanings of any constitutional

or statutory provisions. No assessment shall be levied against

earnings thereon, insurance proceeds, and other revenues, or any

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- 1 real property owned by the federal government, the State, or a
- 2 county, or an agency thereof, without the prior written consent
- 3 of the owner.
- 4 (e) The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to
- 5 provide for the method of undertaking and financing transit-
- 6 oriented development infrastructure improvement in an assessment
- 7 area or an entire district. The rules adopted pursuant to this
- 8 section shall include but not be limited to:
- 9 (1) The methods by which the board shall establish
- 10 assessment areas;
- 11 (2) The method of assessment of real properties specially
- benefited;
- 13 (3) The costs to be borne by the board, the county in
- which districts are situated, and the property owners;
- 15 (4) The procedures before the board relating to the
- 16 creation of the assessment areas by the owners of real
- 17 property therein, including provisions for petitions,
- 18 bids, contracts, bonds, and notices;
- 19 (5) Provisions relating to assessments;
- 20 (6) Provisions relating to financing, including bonds,
- 21 revolving funds, advances from available funds,

1		special funds for payment of bonds, payment of
2		principal and interest, and sale and use of the bonds;
3	(7)	Provisions relating to funds and refunding of
4		outstanding debts;
5	(8)	Provisions relating to limitations on time to sue; and
6	(9)	Other related provisions.
7	(f)	Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary,
8	the board	may, in its discretion, enter into any agreement with
9	the count	y in which the districts are located to implement all
10	or part o	f the purposes of this section.
11	(g)	All sums collected under this section shall be
12	deposited	into the transit-oriented development infrastructure
13	improvemen	nt district special fund established under section
14	206E-247 a	and shall be applied solely to:
15	(1)	The payment of the principal and interest on the bonds
16		and the cost of administering, operating, and
17		maintaining the program;
18	(2)	The establishment of reserves; and
19	(3)	Other purposes as may be authorized in the proceedings
20		providing for the issuance of the bonds.

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- 1 If any surplus remains in the fund after the payment of the
- 2 bonds chargeable against the fund, it shall be credited to and
- 3 become a part of the fund.
- 4 (h) The transit-oriented development infrastructure
- 5 improvements to be financed through bonds issued by the board
- 6 may be dedicated to the county in which the infrastructure
- 7 improvements are to be located. The board shall ensure that the
- 8 infrastructure improvements are designed and constructed to meet
- 9 county requirements and shall enter into an agreement with the
- 10 county for dedication of the public facilities.
- 11 (i) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, whenever it
- 12 becomes necessary to remove, relocate, replace, or reconstruct
- 13 public utility facilities that are part of a program, the board
- 14 shall establish by rule the allocation of cost between the
- 15 board, the affected public utilities, and the properties that
- 16 may specially benefit from the improvement, if any. In
- 17 determining the allocation of cost, the board shall consider the
- 18 cost allocation policies for districts established by the county
- 19 in which the removal, relocation, replacement, or reconstruction
- 20 is to take place.
- 21 (j) For the purposes of this section:

1	"County	y-designated transit-oriented development area" has
2	the same mea	aning as defined in section 226-63(d).
3	"Floor	area ratio" means the quotient, expressed as a
4	decimal numb	er, that results from dividing a structure's total
5	floor area b	y the total area of the lot or parcel on which the
6	structure is	located.
7	<u>"Minist</u>	erial" means a permit process based upon standards
8	established	through county ordinance or rule and issued by the
9	director of	the county agency responsible for land use or a
10	single count	y officer designated by ordinance.
11	"Transi	t-supportive density" means a county-designated
12	transit-orie	nted development area:
13	<u>(1) Wi</u>	th development standards that allow a floor area
14	<u>ra</u>	tio of at least:
15	<u>(A)</u>) 4.0 for all uses that are permitted in a county-
16		designated transit-oriented development area or
17		by the underlying county zoning;
18	<u>(B</u>	6.0 for all uses that are permitted in a county-
19		designated transit-oriented development area
20		within one-half mile of a station of a locally

1		preferred alternative for a mass transit project;
2		and
3		(C) For all uses that are permitted within one-
4		quarter mile of a station of a locally preferred
5		alternative for a mass transit project, whichever
6		is greater:
7		(i) 7.0;
8		(ii) The maximum floor area ratio allowed by the
9		adopted transit-oriented development special
10		district; or
11		(iii) The maximum floor area ratio allowed by the
12		applicable transit-oriented development
13		plan;
14	(2)	For which permits for development are processed as a
15		ministerial permit subject to applicable objective
16		design standards;
17	(3)	Where there is no imposition of a development standard
18		that renders it impracticable to build a usable
19		structure for the permitted uses at the applicable
20		transit-supportive density; and

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1	(4) Where funds collected pursuant to section 46-16.8 have
2	been expended in the county-designated transit-
3	oriented development area in which the development is
4	located."
5	SECTION 5. Section 226-63, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	"[+]\$226-63[+] Hawaii interagency council for transit-
8	oriented development[-]; transit-oriented development planning
9	and implementation. (a) There is established the Hawaii
10	interagency council for transit-oriented development, which
11	shall be an advisory body exempt from section 26-34, to
12	coordinate and facilitate state agency transit-oriented
13	development planning, and facilitate consultation and
14	collaboration between the State and the counties on transit-
15	oriented development initiatives. The Hawaii interagency
16	council for transit-oriented development shall be established
17	within the department of business, economic development, and
18	tourism for administrative purposes.
19	(b) The Hawaii interagency council for transit-oriented
20	development shall:

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1	(1)	Serve as the State's transit-oriented development
2		planning and policy development entity with
3		representation from state and county government and
4		the community;
5	(2)	Formulate and advise the governor on the
6		implementation of a strategic plan to [address] plan
7		for and implement transit-oriented development
8		projects, including [mixed-use] mixed-use and
9		affordable for-sale and rental housing projects, on
10		[state] lands in county-designated transit-oriented
11		development areas in each county;
12	(3)	Facilitate the acquisition of funding and resources
13		for state and county transit-oriented development
14		programs, including affordable for-sale and rental
15		housing projects, on state and county lands;
16	(4)	Monitor the preparation and conduct of plans and
17		studies to facilitate implementation of state transit-
18		oriented development plans prepared pursuant to this
19		section, including but not limited to the preparation
20		of site or master plans and implementation plans and
21		studies;

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	(3)	Review all capital improvement project requests to the
2		legislature for transit-oriented development projects
3		including [mixed use] mixed-use and affordable for-
4		sale and rental housing projects, on [state] lands
5		within county-designated transit-oriented development
6		[zones] areas or within a one-half-mile radius of
7		public transit stations, if a county has not
8		designated transit-oriented development zones;
9	(6)	Recommend policy, regulatory, and statutory changes,
10		and identify resource strategies for the successful
11		execution of the strategic plan;
12	(7)	Assemble accurate fiscal and demographic information
13		to support policy development and track outcomes;
14	(8)	Consider collaborative transit-oriented development
15		initiatives of other states that have demonstrated
16		positive outcomes; and
17	(9)	Report annually to the governor, the legislature, and
18		the mayor of each county on the progress of its
19		activities, including formulation and progress on the
20		strategic plan no later than twenty days prior to the
21		convening of each regular session.

Ţ	(0)	The strategic plan developed by the nawall interagence
2	council f	for transit-oriented development shall:
3	(1)	Coordinate with the counties on transit-oriented
4		development;
5	(2)	For each county, compile an inventory of state,
6		county, and [private-sector] private-sector transit-
7		oriented development projects lacking infrastructure,
8		identifying the type of infrastructure each project
9		lacks, and the approximate time frame when additional
10		capacity is needed;
11	(3)	Prioritize the development of transit-oriented
12		development projects, including [mixed use] mixed-use
13		and affordable for-sale and rental housing projects,
14		on state and county lands;
15	(4)	Identify financing and prioritize state financing for
16		the public infrastructure, facility, and service
17		investments required to support transit-oriented
18		development, [mixed use,] mixed-use, and affordable
19		for-sale and rental housing [project plans; and] in
20		county-designated transit-oriented development areas;

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2		private entities to identify, renovate, and secure	
3		affordable housing options on state and county lands	
4		within county-designated transit-oriented development	
5		areas or within a one-half-mile radius of public	
6		transit stations, if a county has not designated	
7		transit-oriented development [zones.] areas; and	
8	<u>(6)</u>	Delineate for each county, transit-oriented	
9		development areas within which transit-rich,	
10		pedestrian-oriented development is desired and	
11		investment in transit-oriented development and	
12		supporting infrastructure is to be directed.	
13	(d)	For the purposes of this section and implementation of	
14	the strate	egic plan statewide:	
15	"Cou	nty-designated transit-oriented development area" means	
16	a geograph	nic area designated by a county for transit-oriented	
17	development by an adopted ordinance, plan, or resolution, and		
18	delineated in the strategic plan pursuant to this section, that		
19	generally consists of lands within a one-half-mile radius of a		
20	transit hu	b or transit station; provided that the actual	
21	boundaries may differ under specific circumstances.		

(5) Encourage and promote partnerships between public and

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- 1 "Transit-oriented development" means the development of
- 2 compact, dense, walkable, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use
- 3 neighborhoods centered around transit stations or transit hubs
- 4 of public transit systems. "Transit-oriented development"
- 5 features a mix of uses, such as housing, office, retail, civic
- 6 and institutional, and other services and amenities at densities
- 7 that support transit ridership and walkability.
- 8 "Transit-oriented development project" means a development
- 9 project located within a geographic area designated as a
- 10 transit-oriented development area by the county with a medium-
- 11 to high-density mix of uses, such as housing, office, retail,
- 12 and other amenities, that is designed to promote walkability and
- 13 safe and convenient access to transit services."
- 14 SECTION 6. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 16 begun before its effective date.
- 17 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 19 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
- 20 provided that sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall be repealed on
- 21 June 30, 2030, and sections 201H-202 and 201H-204, Hawaii

- 1 Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which they
- 2 read on the day prior to the effective date of this Act.

H.B. NO.

APPROVED this 3rd day of June , 2025

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.

Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker House of Representatives

M. L. Ille

Madai K. Mahn

Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 30, 2025 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate