## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOCAL CONTROL.

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

| 1  | SECTION 1. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is        |   |
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| 2  | amended b  | y adding a new section to be appropriately designated |
| 3  | and to read as follows:                                    |   |
| 4  | " <u>§</u> 22  | 6- Local communities; input. Statewide planning       |
| 5  | shall promote as much as possible the empowerment of local |   |
| 6  | communities to:  |   |
| 7  | (1)  | Express their approval or disapproval of new          |
| 8  |  | residential, commercial, industrial, and other        |
| 9  |  | developments;   |
| 10 | (2)  | Determine fair prices for housing; and                |
| 11 | (3)  | Express their approval or disapproval of public works |
| 12 |  | projects, including:                                  |
| 13 |  | (A) Landfills;  |
| 14 |  | (B) Sewage plants;                                    |
| 15 |  | (C) Power plants; and                                 |
| 16 |  | (D) Telecommunications facilities,                    |
| 17 | within the local region.                                   |   |

| 1 | State and county agencies shall consider the input of local      |
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| 2 | communities when making decisions that affect such communities." |
| 3 | SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.                |
| 4 | SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.         |
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## Report Title:

Local community empowerment; Hawaii State Planning Act

## Description:

Requires statewide planning as much as possible to empower local communities with increased control over decisions that affect them.