

State Land Use Commission

Goals and Objectives

The objectives of the Land Use Commission (LUC) are to: administer the State Land Use Law within the parameters specified in statute and administrative rule; ensure the due process rights of parties before the Commission are maintained; and maintain or enhance the efficiency of its processes. Operationally, the LUC will continue to process, review and act on district boundary amendment petitions and special permit applications in accordance with statutory timeframes. Staff also continues to accommodate a stream of requests for boundary interpretations, maps and information.

Action Plan

Besides performance of its statutory responsibilities, the Commission will be undertaking a number of significant initiatives. These initiatives include:

- Continuing to work with the State Legislature, county planning departments, interest groups and landowners to implement standards and criteria for protecting important agricultural lands (IAL) in the State of Hawaii as specified by Act 183 SLH 2005;
- Engaging the county planning departments and communities statewide in developing enhancements and clarifying the definitions and permissible activities in the State Land Use (SLU) Agricultural and Rural Districts;
- Updating and maintaining the LUC data warehouse with respect to storage and retrieval of land use data; and
- Exploring the feasibility of partnerships with other state and county agencies to develop and integrate new coastal mapping resources.

Performance Measures

Measures of effectiveness include: the submittal to the State Legislature of IAL or State Land Use Agricultural and Rural District reform legislation and reports; publication of a LUC database at the LUC website which supports research and reporting; and convening statewide community discussions relative to the implementation Act 183 SLH 2005 and update of the SLU Rural District standards and permissible use regulations.