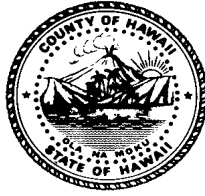


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Policy Committee on Planning, Land Use, and Economic Development
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**SUBJECT: BILL NO. 66 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COUNTY OF
HAWAII GENERAL PLAN 2045 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO.
05-025, AS AMENDED AS AMENDED**

Dear Chair Ashley Kierkiewicz and Members of the Committee:

At the meeting of the Kona Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC) held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the West Hawai'i Civic Center, the AC voted unanimously to support the following amendments to Bill 66, the Draft General Plan 2045.

These amendments propose changes to the planning system diagram, Figure 3, as well as the text included within Section 1.5, County Planning System and General Plan Framework, on page 32 of the Draft General Plan. (See attachment)

These amendments will serve to more accurately identify the role of Community Development Plans as per Chapter 16, Article 2 of the Hawai'i County Code as legally distinct from special area plans and urban plans.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,


Charles Young (Jul 7, 2025 17:03 HST)

Charles Young, Chairman
Kona Community Development Plan Action Committee

Attachment: Communication No. 2025-08a Figure 3 County Planning System Proposed Amendment

1.5 County Planning System and General Plan Framework

draft amendment (see page 2 below for original located on pg 32 of the draft 2045 GP)

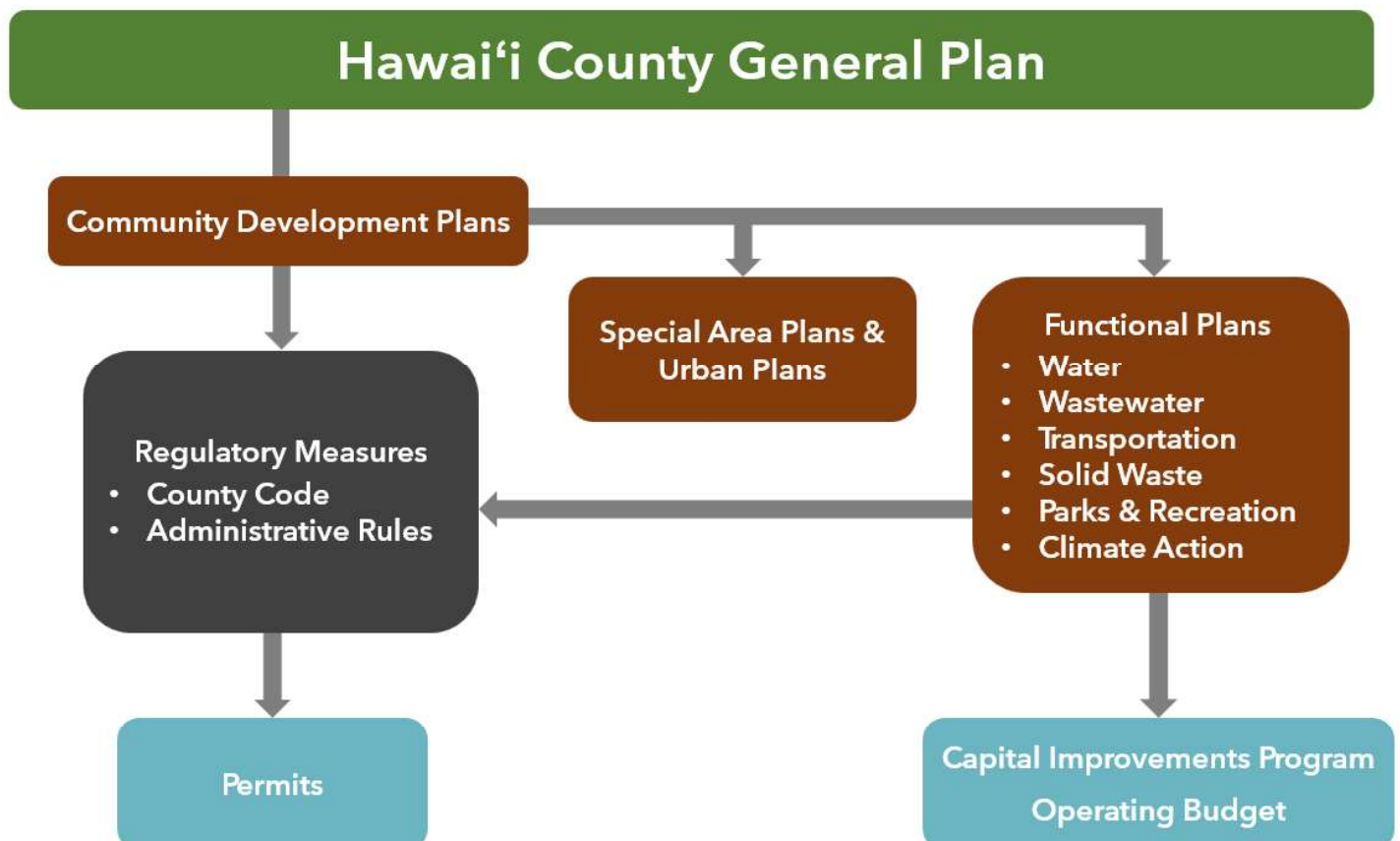
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The second level consists of community development plans, adopted by ordinance. These District-specific plans address the geographic size and separation among the communities of this Big Island by translating the long-range goals and policies of the General Plan to the unique needs of Big Island districts.

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