

RESOLUTION NO. 256 15**RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I
GENERAL PLAN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN
COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW PROCESS, RELATING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
AHUPUA‘A SYSTEM.**

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i County Planning Director initiated a comprehensive review of the County of Hawai‘i General Plan on February 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 16.1(3) of the General Plan, the Planning Director established June 6, 2015 as the deadline for Council initiated amendments to the Plan during the comprehensive review process; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Council Planning Committee’s request to postpone this deadline, the Planning Director postponed the deadline for Council initiated amendments until September 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council submits this resolution in response to the Planning Director’s invitation to submit amendments to the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i County is moving towards embracing and promoting sustainability and self-sufficiency which is not only desirable, but necessary and critical to our long term survival as an island community; and

WHEREAS, “ahupua‘a” is defined as an old Hawai‘i term for a large traditional socioeconomic/geologic/climatic subdivision of land which varied in size depending on the economic means of the location and political divisions of the area; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i State law (sec. 226-2, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes) also defines “ahupua‘a” as a traditional native Hawaiian resource and behavioral management system that ensures respect for the air, land, water, and other scarce natural resources that make life sustainable from the mountains to the sea; and

WHEREAS, as native Hawaiians used resources within their ahupua‘a, they practiced aloha (respect), laulima (cooperation), and malama (stewardship) which resulted in a desirable pono (balance), and used the ahupua‘a as the fundamental land unit through which they determined the appropriate use of land within the ahupua‘a and through which they determined means to protect and preserve resources within and without the ahupua‘a; and

WHEREAS, land use practices based on integration and protection of resources from the mountain to the sea, “ahupua‘a” principles already guide many of our land use planning goals and policies; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and timely that ahupua‘a principles be included in the next version of the County of Hawai‘i General Plan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that the Planning Director consider the following proposals during the Director’s review and analysis of suggestions offered during this initial phase of the comprehensive review process and ultimately incorporate them as appropriate, into the final proposed amendments to the Hawai‘i County General Plan, in the following sections:

1. Purpose of the General Plan (presently found in sec. 1.1)

Include the following purpose, as written or in substantially similar language:

“Utilize the geographical features of the ahupua‘a land divisions and the historical use of the ahupua‘a land divisions as the basis for identifying important values and priorities and for developing and applying appropriate regulatory decisions and other government programs in this County.”

2. General Plan Program (presently found in sec. 1.3)

Add the following, as written or in substantially similar language, to the discussion contained in the General Plan Program section or in another appropriate section:

“Recent studies have revealed that the use of the ahupua‘a as the basis for land use as a model is relevant to the County of Hawai‘i’s desire to achieve sustainability goals. For this reason, when reviewing and implementing the Goals, Policies, and Courses of action set forth in each of the fourteen (14) study elements, the County of Hawai‘i shall require that each study element be analyzed, studied, and implemented in context of the ahupua‘a as a land use model.”

3. Land Use Policies (presently found in sec. 14.1.3)

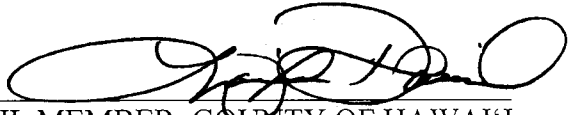
Include the following policy, as written or in substantially similar language:

“Incorporate the values and philosophy of the ahupua‘a land division resource management system into land use policies and develop and apply regulatory decisions and other government programs, as appropriate.”

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Hawai'i County Planning Director, Duane Kanuha.

Dated at _____, Hawai'i, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

INTRODUCED BY:

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for 

COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL
County of Hawai'i
Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on _____.

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

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