HB 2281, HD 1
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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HB 2281, HD 1 proposes one addition to the list of categories of actions for which assessment in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) system is required by HRS 343-5 (a). This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The proposed additional category is reclassifications of land now classified conservation. Uses of lands in the conservation district are actions for which assessment is already required by HRS 343-5 (a), and the courts have held that, by implication, reclassifications of conservation land require assessment also. The addition would thus constitute no more than appropriate statutory recognition of a present requirement.