

Land Acquisition Priorities (Section 173A-2.6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes")

"Commission **shall give the following lands priority in its recommendations . . .**"

- (1) Lands having **exceptional value** due to the presence of:
 - (A) Unique **aesthetic** resources;
 - (B) Unique and valuable **cultural or archaeological** resources; or
 - (C) Habitats for threatened or endangered **species** of flora, fauna, or aquatic resources;
- (2) Lands that are in **imminent danger** of **development**;
- (3) Lands that are in **imminent danger** of being modified, changed, or used in a manner to **diminish its value**;
- (4) Lands providing **critical habitats** for threatened or endangered species that are in **imminent danger** of being harmed or negatively impacted;
- (5) Lands containing **cultural or archaeological** sites or resources that are in **danger** of theft or destruction; and
- (6) Lands that are **unique and productive agricultural lands**.

RANKING FORM FOR APPLICATIONS

Applicant – Application Title

_ (1) exemplary _ (2) above average _ (3) average _ (4) below average _ (5) lowest

A Commissioner can rank only one application at the "lowest" level (5).
Other rankings can be assigned to more than one application.

The Commission typically recommends approval of full funding for certain applications, in the order ranked by the Commission, as funds may be available.

The Commission may also recommend that a certain application not be approved for funding, or that the Board of Land and Natural Resources impose specific, special conditions on a grant award.

Land Acquisition Criteria (Section 13-140-39, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, "**may consider**")

- (1) Completeness of the acquisition application;
- (2) Acquisition of interests or rights in **land having value as a resource to the State** for the preservation of the following:
 - (A) Watershed protection;
 - (B) Coastal areas, beaches, and ocean access;
 - (C) Habitat protection;
 - (D) Cultural and historical sites;
 - (E) Recreational and public hunting areas;
 - (F) Parks;
 - (G) Natural areas;
 - (H) Agricultural production; and
 - (I) Open spaces and scenic resources;
- (3) Linkage of protected acreage of similar resources;
- (4) Opportunities for appropriate public access and enjoyment;
- (5) Presence of environmental hazards;
- (6) Feasibility of a project within the two-year acquisition timeframe;
- (7) Cost of acquisition;
- (8) Proportion of matching funds being leveraged;
- (9) Urgency of need to acquire;
- (10) Status and adequacy of management planning;
- (11) Community support for acquisition;
- (12) Completeness of acquisition funding;
- (13) Connection to regional planning and protection efforts; and
- (14) Capacity for long-term management.