The Eight Criteria

Section 13-5-30(c) of the Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR) sets forth the following eight criteria that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) or Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) shall apply when evaluating the merits of a proposed land use.

1. The proposed land use is consistent with the purpose of the conservation district;
2. The proposed land use is consistent with the objectives of the subzone of the land on which the use will occur;
3. The proposed land use complies with provisions and guidelines contained in chapter 205A, HRS, entitled "Coastal Zone Management", where applicable;
4. The proposed land use will not cause substantial adverse impact to existing natural resources within the surrounding area, community, or region;
5. The proposed land use, including buildings, structures, and facilities, shall be compatible with the locality and surrounding areas, appropriate to the physical conditions and capabilities of the specific parcel or parcels;
6. The existing physical and environmental aspects of the land, such as natural beauty and open space characteristics, will be preserved or improved upon, whichever is applicable;
7. Subdivision of land will not be utilized to increase the intensity of land uses in the conservation district; and
8. The proposed land use will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.