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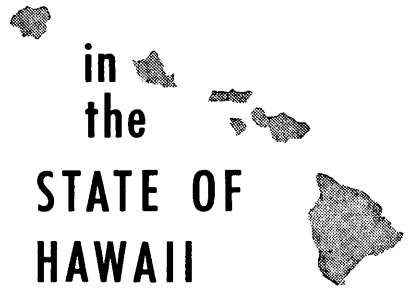
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Dear Reader:

From the time of the Great Mahele, Hawaii has had a persistent public interest in maximum development of its lands. This interest has intensified as the problems of limited land area, relative isolation from major markets, and scarcity of available fee simple land have been magnified by rapid population expansion.

A systematic basis from which sound land-use decisions can be developed lies in the knowledge of the basic characteristics and use-potential of the land itself. Until recently the state lacked land classifications that inventoried in a non-technical manner the location, extent, and use capabilities of its lands.

To satisfy initial needs, the Land Study Bureau developed a series of generalized land classifications for the major islands of the state. These classifications were the foundation for the state's first official land-use plan.

This report is based upon these land classifications and summarizes the relative suitability of various acreages for intensive agriculture and other uses. In addition, it evaluates present land uses with respect to quality and supply of acreages available for such purposes. Preliminary estimates also are made of acreages needed for various land uses by 1975. Prospects of having sufficient lands of suitable quality available for these uses are reviewed. Possibilities of accomplishing desirable adjustments in land use also are discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurence H. Snyder".

Laurence H. Snyder
President



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