Shoreline Location, State and County Coastal Jurisdictions, and Other Coastal Land Use Issues

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Abstract

Regulation of Hawaii’s coastal zone is split between the State and the counties, who regulate the submerged and fast lands, respectively. Since each group has their own mandates and objectives, stewardship of and development within the coastal zone can be difficult and cumbersome at times. Chris will talk about how the upper limit of submerged lands, or the certified shoreline, is identified, how it is used by the two primary agencies, and how that may impact coastal projects. Included will be a brief discussion of the recent revisions the coastal access statute, and how that impacts coastal projects and developments.