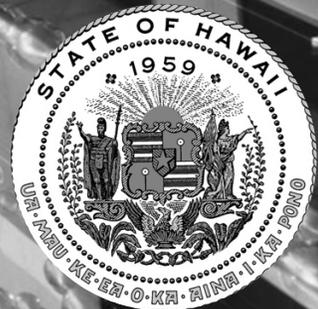


Business Development & Support Division

- Hawaii Enterprise Zones Partnership Program (EZ)



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Enterprise Zones Partnership Program

EZ

The EZ Program was created to increase business activity, job growth, and job retention in economically-challenged areas. The EZ Program does this by offering State and County tax and other benefits to companies located within these areas for up to 7 years.



EZ Program Benefits

Companies receive the following state benefits:

- 100% exemption from the General Excise Tax (GET) and Use Tax every year.
 - *The GET exemption applies only to gross revenues from EZ eligible business categories within an EZ.*
- Qualified, licensed construction companies and contractors hired are also exempt from charging EZ companies the General Excise Tax (GET) for any work done at the EZ business site.
- An 80% reduction of state income tax the first year. (This reduction goes down 10% each year for six more years.)
- An additional tax reduction equal to 80% of annual Unemployment Insurance premiums the first year. (This reduction goes down 10% each year for six more years.)

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
State Income Tax Credit	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%
Unemp. Ins. Credit	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%



EZ Program

County Benefits

The Hawai'i Enterprise Zones Program is a partnership between the counties and the state. In addition to state benefits, companies are also eligible for county benefits based on the location of their establishment.



EZ County Benefits



Hawaii County

- Three-year exemption from any increase in property taxes resulting from new construction by EZ firms at their EZ sites



Honolulu County

- Two-year exemption from any increase in property taxes resulting from new construction by EZ firms at their EZ sites
- Waiver of building and grading permit fees for enrolled EZ firms



Kauai County (Kauai & Niihau)

- Priority business permit processing



Maui County (Maui, Lanai & Molokai)

- Priority business permit processing

EZ Program

Requirements & Eligibility

To qualify for the program:

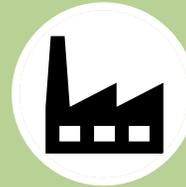
1. Your company must reside in an EZ location. Enterprise Zones are determined by the County.
2. At least half of a firm's annual gross income must be from one or more of the following activities:



Industries supported:



- Agricultural production or processing (wholesale, value-added retail ag*, GMOs)



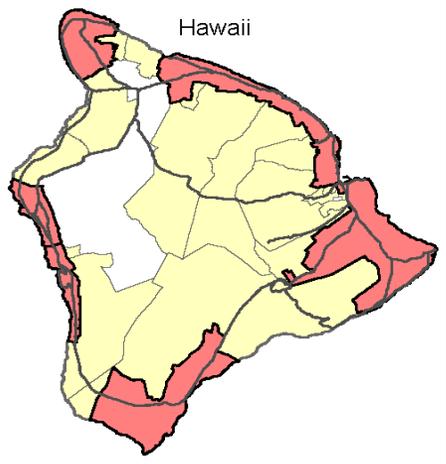
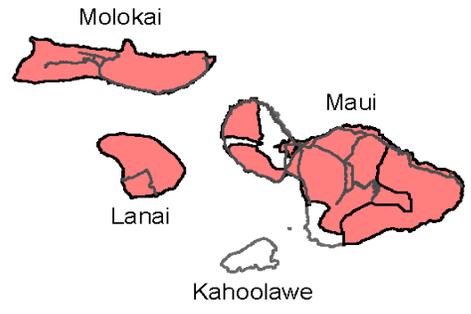
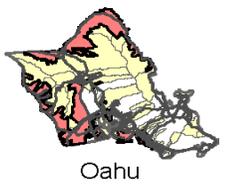
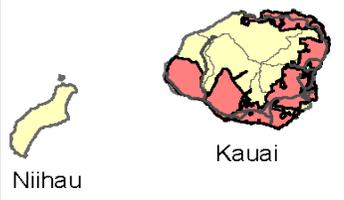
- Manufacturing (wholesaling)
- Wholesaling/Distribution



- Biotechnology research, development, production, or sales
- Aviation or maritime repair or maintenance
- Telecommunications switching and delivery systems
- Information technology design and production
- Medical research, clinical trials, and telemedicine
- For-profit training programs in international business management or environmental remediation

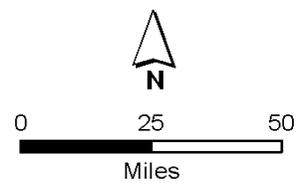


- Repair or maintenance of assistive technology equipment
- Certain types of call centers
- Wind energy producers



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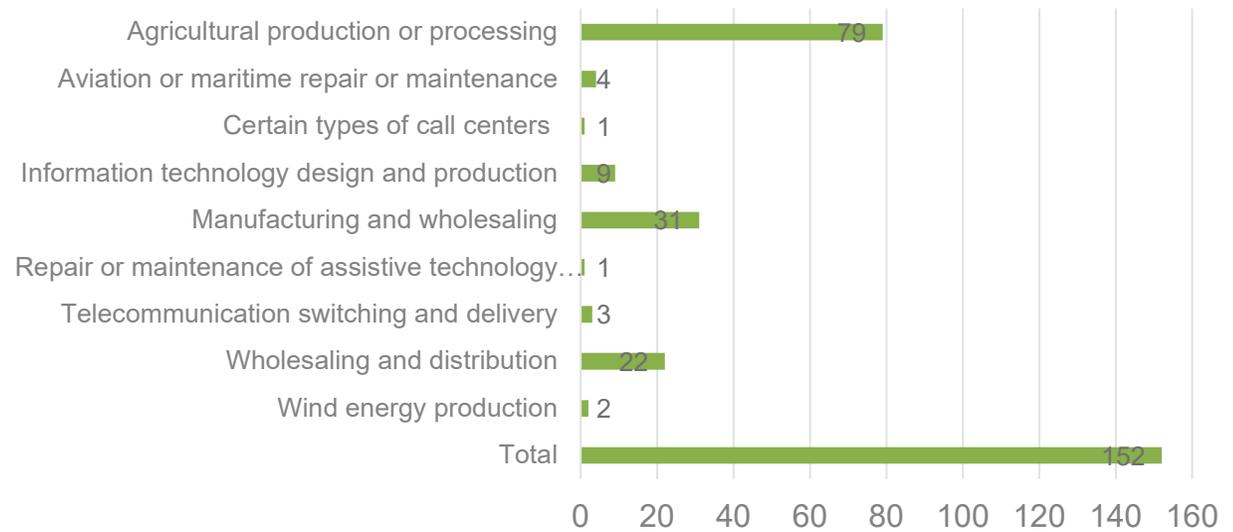
-  Enterprise Zones (EZ)
-  Other census tracts eligible for inclusion in the EZ



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Sources:
Enterprise Zones - DBEDT, 2000 Census Tracts.
Major Roads - USGS, 1983.
Eligible EZ Census Tracts - US Census Bureau, 2000.

EZ Program 152 Total Companies 2023

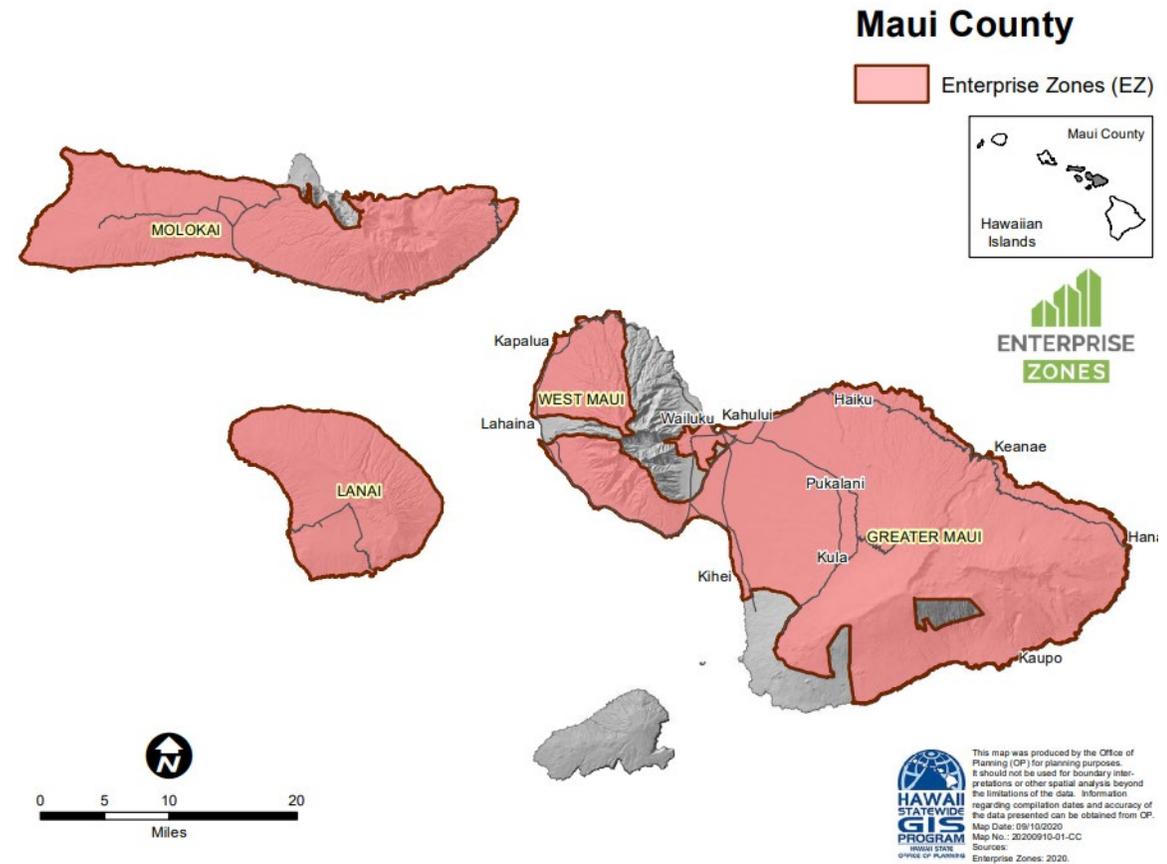
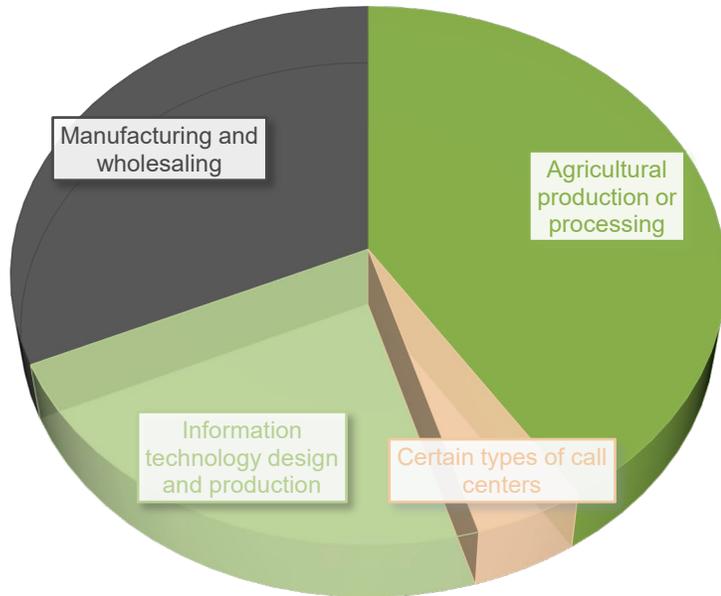
**Total Number of Enrolled EZ Companies by Business Activity
Statewide, 2023***



**2023 is the most recent company data received. Reporting for 2024 continues through October 2025 due to companies' tax reporting timelines.*

EZ Program Maui County 25 Companies

MAUI COUNTY BY BUSINESS ACTIVITY, 2023



Business Activity	Total Enrolled
Agricultural production or processing	9
Aviation or maritime repair or maintenance	0
Certain types of call centers	1
Information technology design and production	5
Manufacturing and wholesaling	7
Medical research and clinical trials	0
Repair or maintenance of assistive technology equipment	0
Telecommunication switching and delivery	0
Wholesaling and distribution	3
Wind energy production	0
Total	25

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 Sources: Enterprise Zones: 2020.

EZ Program

To be designated as an enterprise zone, a proposed area must be located within a US census tract and in accordance with the most recent decennial US Census:

- At least 25 percent of the population of each census tract shall have a median family income below 80 percent of the median family income of the County in which the census tract is located; or
- The unemployment rate in each census tract shall be at least 1.5 times the state average unemployment rate.

The EZ Program encourages a collaborative relationship between the State, the Counties, and qualifying businesses.

Enterprise Zone Designation Timeline

Honolulu County	Effective Date	Expiration Date
North Shore-Mililani-Wahiawa	8/18/2016	8/17/2036
Pearl City-Ewa-Central Oahu	8/18/2016	8/17/2036
Waipio Oahu	8/18/2016	8/17/2036
Urban Honolulu	4/1/2021	3/18/2041
Waimanalo	4/1/2008	3/31/2028

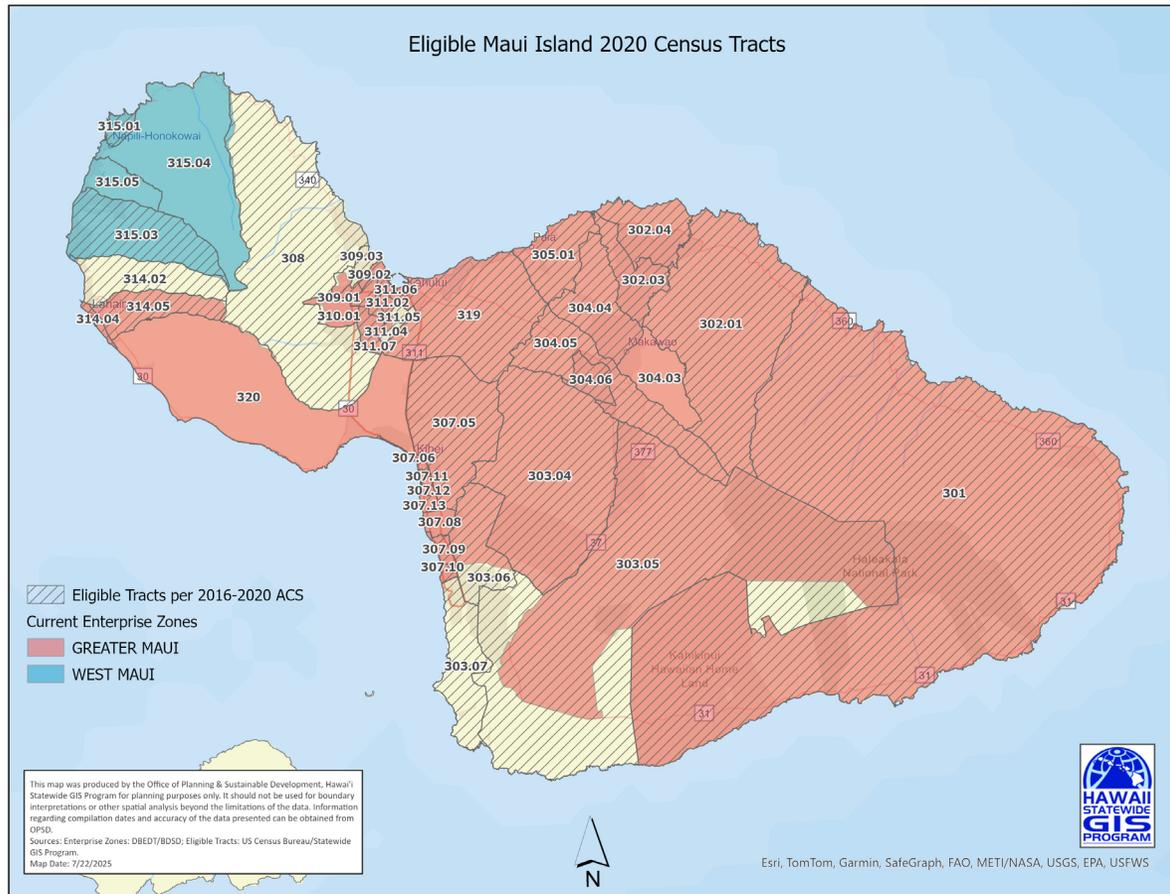
Hawaii County	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Hamakua	12/24/2015	12/23/2035
Hilo-Puna	12/24/2015	12/23/2035
Kau	12/24/2015	12/23/2035
Kona	12/24/2015	12/23/2035
North Kohala	1/21/2020	1/20/2040

Kauai County	Effective Date	Expiration Date
North Shore Kauai	9/19/2016	9/18/2036
Kapaa	9/19/2016	9/18/2036
South Central Kauai	9/19/2016	9/18/2036
West Kauai	9/19/2016	9/18/2036

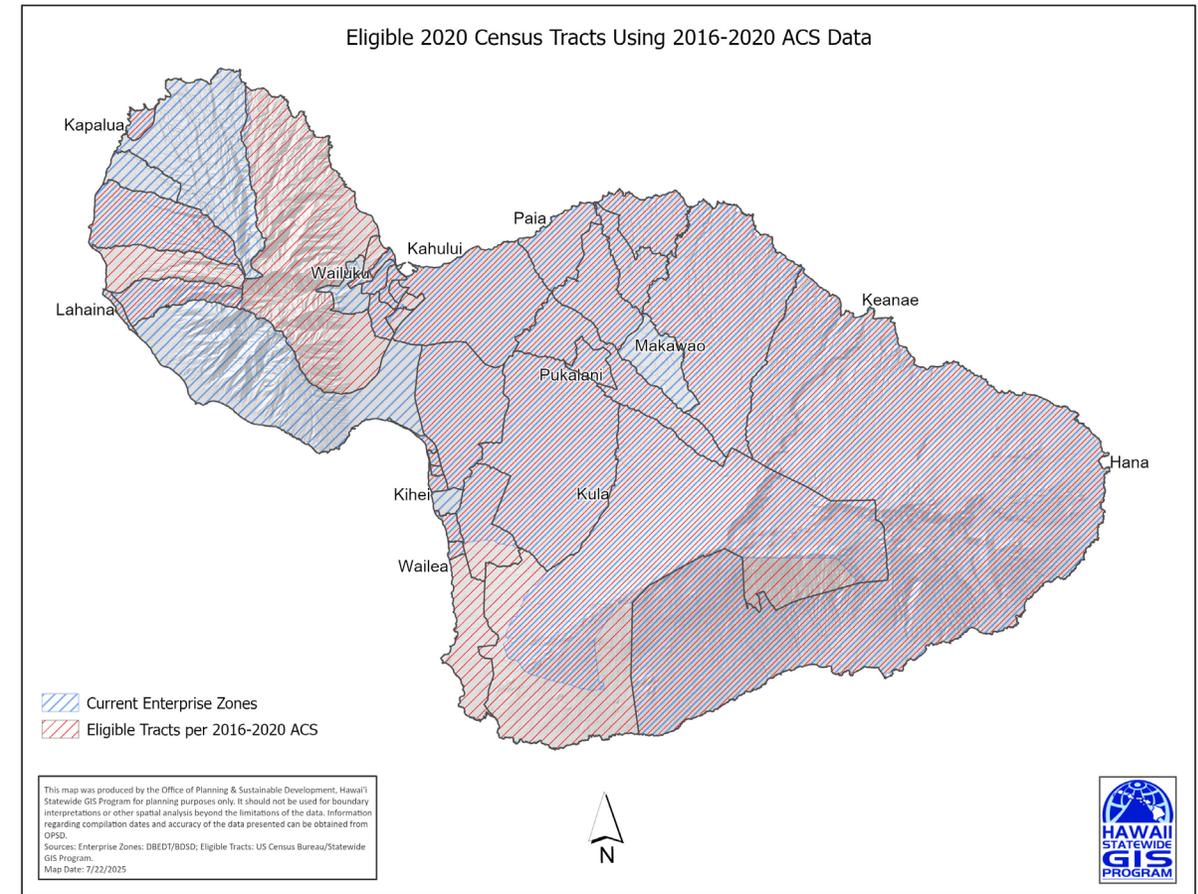
Maui County (Molokai / Lanai)	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Molokai	12/11/2016	12/10/2036
Lanai	3/25/2020	3/24/2040
Greater Maui	5/1/2006	4/30/2026
West Maui	5/1/2006	4/30/2026

EZ Program Maui Island Redesignation (April 2026)

Maui County is currently in the process of redesignating the Maui Island EZs. The current Greater and West Maui EZs, established in 2006 will expire on April 30, 2026. The maps below show the new proposed Greater Maui and Napili EZs.

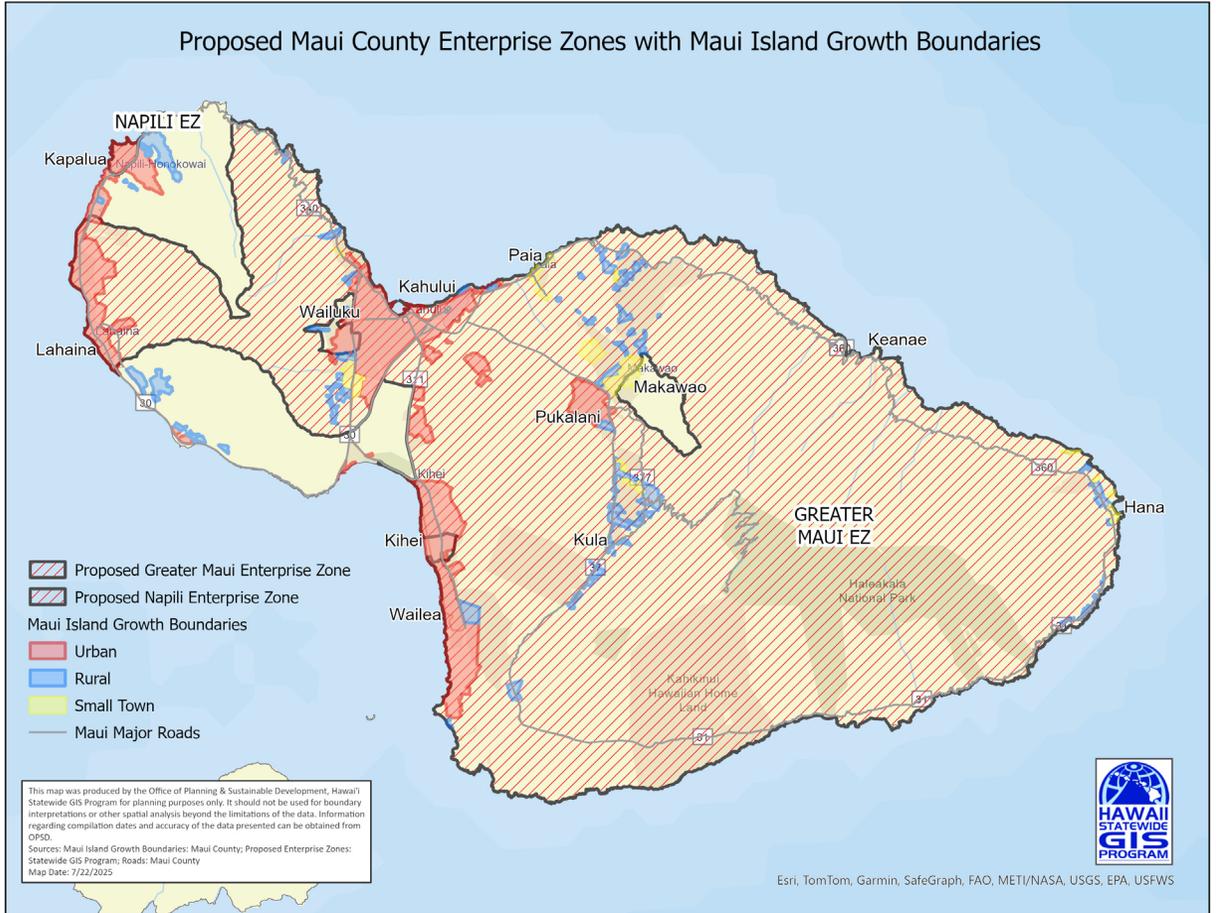


Current Maui Island EZs + 2020 Eligible Census Tracts

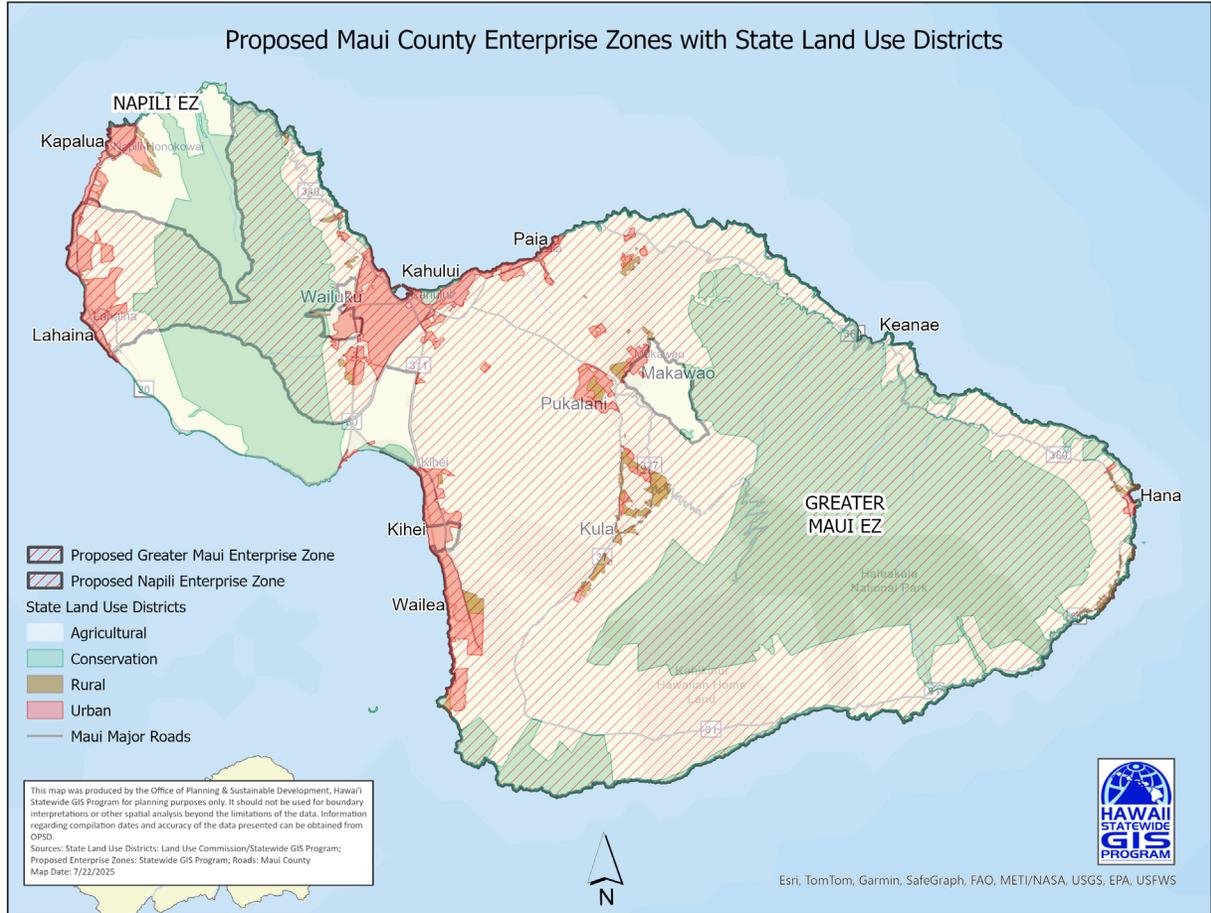


Current VS Proposed Maui Island EZs

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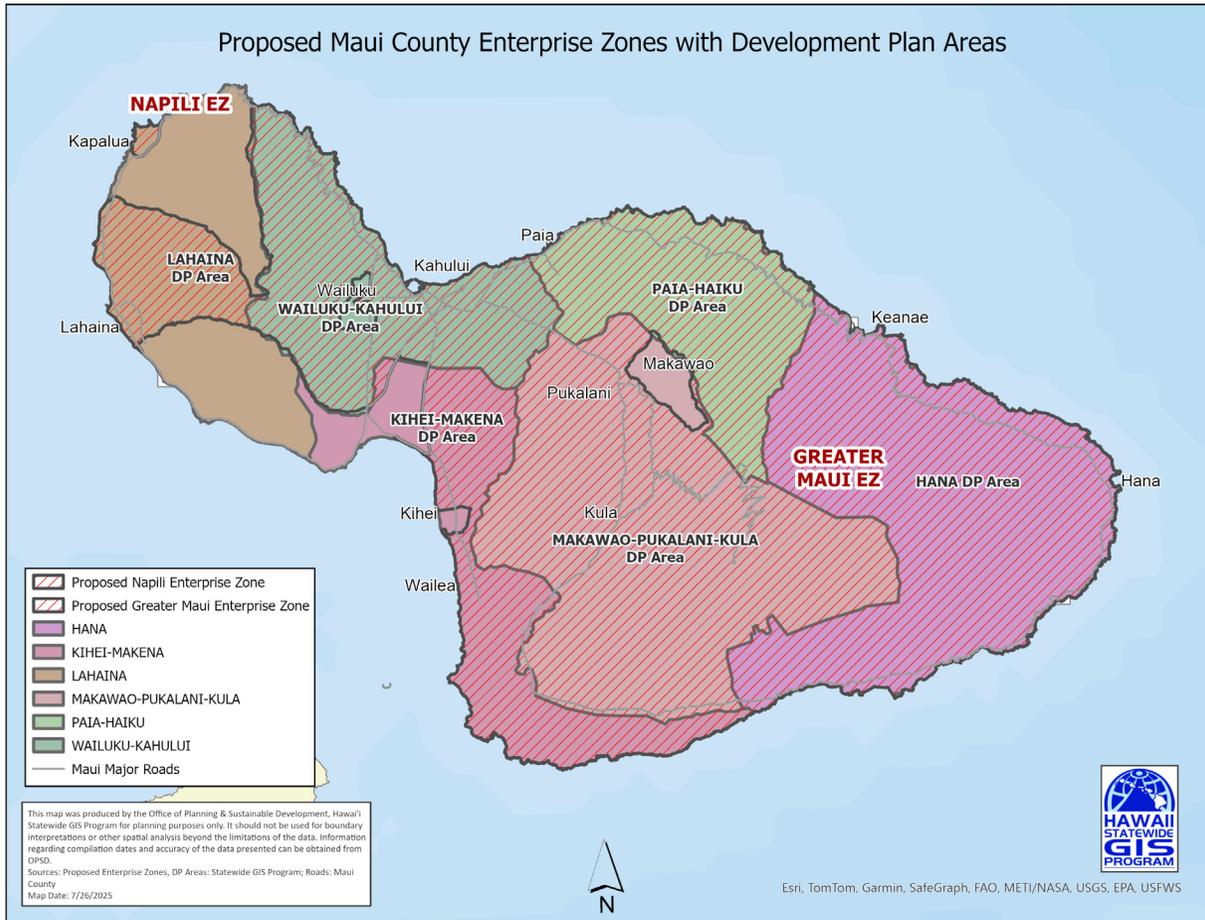


Proposed Maui Island EZs with Growth Boundaries

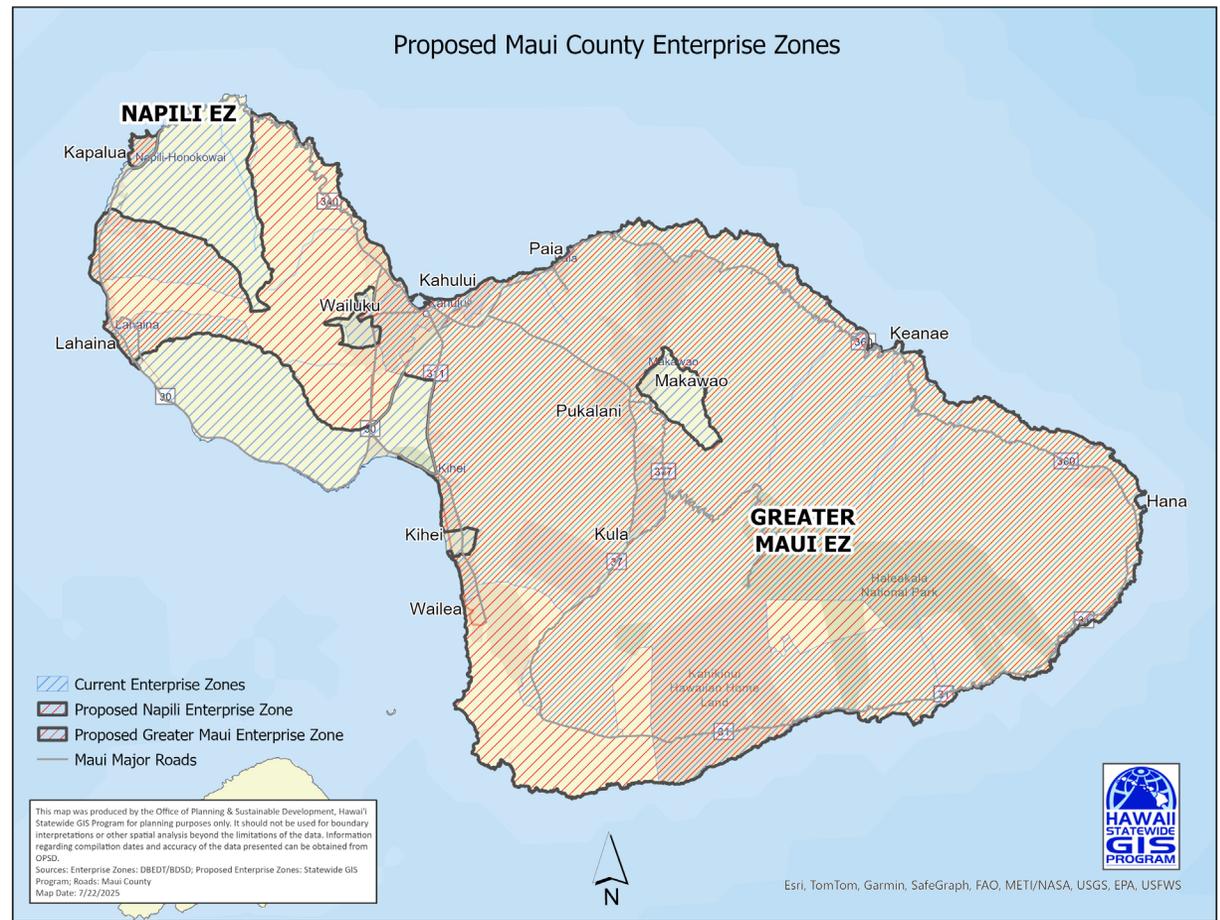


Proposed Maui Island EZs with State Land Use Districts

EZ Program Maui Island Redesignation (April 2026)



Proposed Maui Island EZs with Development Plan Areas



Proposed VS Current Maui Island EZs

EZ Program Annual Requirements

Annual Employment Requirements For NEW companies to Enterprise Zones

Increase in the number of full-time employees by 10% from the enrollment date to the end of first year. Then maintain that increased number of employees throughout each tax year.

- Full-time employees = 20 or more hours per week per pay period
- Leased employees working 20 or more hours per week may be counted as full-time employees

Example: New company applies with 10 existing employees:

Years	% increase in number of employees	Number of employees
Applied		10
1	+10%	11
2	maintain	11
3	maintain	11
4	maintain	11
5	maintain	11
6	maintain	11
7	maintain	11



EZ Program Annual Requirements

Annual Employment Requirements

For EXISTING companies in designated NEW Enterprise Zones

Increase in the number of full-time employees by 10% from the enrollment date to the end of first year. Then maintain that increased number of employees for 3 years. Increase the number of employees by 15% from year 4-7.

- Full-time employees = 20 or more hours per week per pay period
- Leased employees working 20 or more hours per week may be counted as full-time employees

Example: An existing company applies with 10 existing employees:

Years	% increase in number of employees	Number of employees
Applied		10
1	+10%	11
2	maintain	11
3	maintain	11
4	+15%	12
5	maintain	12
6	maintain	12
7	maintain	12

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