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## ULI Hawaii trains volunteers for UrbanPlan in schools

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A student plots city blocks using Lego-like plastic bricks during an UrbanPlan volunteer training session in Honolulu. UrbanPlan is a project-based program that teaches students about the built environment. The program was developed by ULI, the Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics at the University of California, Berkeley.

More than 25 teachers and professionals spent a day this week training to be volunteers with the Hawaii District Council of the Urban Land Institute in advance of launching the organization's Urban Plan program in Isle high schools during the school year.

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In Hawaii, the UrbanPlan program has been taught for the past 15 years at Kalani High School, Punahou School, Iolani School and the University of Hawaii.

"One of the most important programs, at least in my view, that ULI has right now is Urban Plan, where we come into schools and we teach a civics program," [Jon Wallenstrom](#) of Alakai Development, co-chair of the ULI Hawaii

UrbanPlan program, said in a video release. “We’re really just teaching kids about their built environment, whether it be university students or high school students, and trying to let them understand that they have a role, an important role, in their society, where they can influence change do good things.”



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