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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERMITTING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, currently, an  
2 applicant for a building permit must submit an application to  
3 each agency that has jurisdiction over an aspect of the project.  
4 Many times, this means that an applicant must wait for approval  
5 from one agency, before submitting an application to another  
6 agency to approve another aspect of the project. At times, an  
7 agency may decline to approve an aspect of a project that was  
8 approved by another agency that reviewed an application related  
9 to the project. Other times, an application may be declined  
10 without an explanation as to why it was rejected.

11           The legislature finds that convening all state and county  
12 agencies that may have to approve an aspect of a project for one  
13 informational meeting with the applicant would allow questions  
14 to be answered, concerns to be addressed, and inconsistencies to  
15 be clarified on one setting. The legislature finds that this  
16 would encourage cooperation and compromise among permitting  
17 agencies and applicants and expedite the permitting process.



1           The purpose of this Act is to streamline the permitting  
2 process by requiring applicants for county building permits to  
3 present information on their project at an informational meeting  
4 attended by all state and county agencies that will review an  
5 application for the project.

6           SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
7 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
8 read as follows:

9           "§46-           Streamlined permitting; informational meeting.  
10 Within thirty days of receiving an application for a building  
11 permit for a project that will require the approval of more than  
12 one state or county agency, the county agency receiving the  
13 permit application shall convene an informational meeting, which  
14 shall be attended by the applicant and representatives of each  
15 state and county agency that will review a permit application  
16 related to the project. At the informational meeting, the  
17 applicant shall make a comprehensive presentation that describes  
18 the proposed project and shall respond to inquiries from the  
19 relevant state and county agencies."

20           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Streamlined Permitting; Informational Meeting

**Description:**

Requires applicants for county building permits to attend an informational meeting with representatives of state and county agencies that will review an application related to the project.

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