

SB 1213

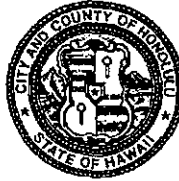
RELATING PERMITTING.

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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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water, Land,
and Housing
State Senate
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Dear Chairs Espero, Dela Cruz and Members:

**Subject: Senate Bill No. 1213
Relating to Permitting**

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), **strongly opposes** Senate Bill No. 1213, in its current form. The bill requires the counties receiving building permit applications to convene informational meetings with representatives of each state and county agency that will review the application related to the project. Additionally, the bill requires that the counties convene the meetings within thirty days of receiving the application.

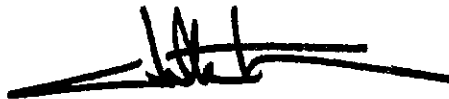
In fiscal year 2010, the DPP reviewed and issued 14,248 building permits. Of that number, 6,833 permit applications were routed to various state and county agencies. The sheer number of applications and the logistics involved in coordinating all of the meetings for these applications would effectively bring our two Permit Centers to a complete stand still. Implementation of Senate Bill No. 1213 will have the opposite effect of its intent in streamlining the permit process. The proposal, as it stands, is simply not sustainable given DPP's limited resources.

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A much better approach to streamlining is to reduce the amount of unnecessary laws currently on the books that curtail good development projects. Recently, the Obama Administration promised business leaders that it would conduct a thorough review and eliminate unnecessary federal regulations that adversely affect business growth. We, at the state and county levels should also take this approach at reducing red tape.

Please file Senate Bill No. 1213. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Tanoue', is written over a horizontal line.

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