
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A STATE PERMITTING OFFICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that delays in the county
2 building permit process have severely impacted the ability of
3 the State to commence state construction projects. The
4 legislature further finds that construction delays have
5 increased construction costs and harmed the livelihoods of state
6 contractors.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
8 accounting and general services to establish a five-year state
9 permit pilot program to quickly and efficiently process building
10 and infrastructure permits for the construction of state
11 buildings, state roads and highways, and other construction on
12 state lands, while simultaneously ensuring that the construction
13 complies with all state and county building and infrastructure
14 requirements.

15 SECTION 2. (a) The department of accounting and general
16 services shall establish a five-year state permit pilot program
17 to process building and infrastructure permits for construction



1 of state-owned buildings, state roads and highways, and other
2 construction on state lands. Subject to the requirements of
3 this Act, the department of accounting and general services
4 shall:

5 (1) Review applications containing state building and
6 infrastructure construction plans to ensure that the
7 plans satisfy the state building code as required by
8 section 107-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
9 applicable county building code, and any other
10 applicable construction codes; and

11 (2) Issue a state permit to the applicant if the
12 application satisfies all applicable codes or deny the
13 application if the application does not satisfy all
14 applicable codes.

15 (b) A person may obtain a state permit from the department
16 of accounting and general services in lieu of obtaining a county
17 building or infrastructure permit required by any county for any
18 type of work regarding a state building, state infrastructure,
19 or any type of work on state land.

20 (c) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary,
21 any person who obtains a state permit under this Act shall not



1 be liable for any failure to obtain a county building or
2 infrastructure permit for the same work submitted in an
3 application to the office for which the state permit was issued.

4 (d) The county in which the state project is located shall
5 issue a certificate of occupancy to the State for any building
6 for which a state permit was issued under this Act, upon:

7 (1) Completion of the building for which the state permit
8 was issued;

9 (2) The building passing final inspection by a state-
10 designated inspector; and

11 (3) Formal acceptance of the building by the State.

12 (e) Each county in which a state project is located shall
13 allow projects issued a state permit under this Act to connect
14 with any and all required infrastructure services, including but
15 not limited to potable water, wastewater, stormwater, solid
16 waste, and other county-provided services.

17 (f) The department of accounting and general services, in
18 consultation with the state building code council, shall adopt
19 rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, necessary
20 for this Act, including rules addressing the permit application
21 process, required submissions, and fees.



1 (g) The department of accounting and general services
2 shall submit interim reports to the legislature no later than
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of
4 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 on the progress of the state permit
5 pilot program.

6 (h) The department of accounting and general services
7 shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations,
8 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
9 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
10 of 2028.

11 (i) The state permit pilot program shall terminate on
12 June 30, 2028.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of the state permit pilot
18 program.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

DAGS; State Permits; Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of accounting and general services to establish a state permit pilot program to process building and infrastructure permits for construction of state-owned buildings, state roads and highways, and other construction on state lands. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)

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