
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§46- State-related construction projects; permitting.

5 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all state-related
6 construction projects shall be exempt from county permitting
7 requirements.

8 (b) The department of accounting and general services
9 shall perform all permitting functions for all state-related
10 construction projects pursuant to section 26-6.

11 (c) As used in this section:

12 "County" means the city and county of Honolulu and the
13 counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.

14 "State-related construction project" means any construction
15 project that is undertaken by the State on state-owned or state-
16 leased land or to state-owned buildings."



1 SECTION 2. Section 26-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The department shall:

4 (1) Preaudit and conduct after-the-fact audits of the
5 financial accounts of all state departments to
6 determine the legality of expenditures and the
7 accuracy of accounts;

8 (2) Report to the governor and to each regular session of
9 the legislature as to the finances of each department
10 of the State;

11 (3) Administer the state risk management program;

12 (4) Establish and manage motor pools;

13 (5) Manage the preservation and disposal of all records of
14 the State;

15 (6) Undertake the program of centralized engineering and
16 office leasing services, including operation and
17 maintenance and lease buyback processing pursuant to
18 subsection (d) of public buildings, for departments of
19 the State;

20 (7) Undertake the functions of the state surveyor;

21 (8) Establish accounting and internal control systems;



- 1 (9) Under the direction of the chief information officer,
2 provide centralized computer information management
3 and processing services;
- 4 (10) Establish a program to provide a means for public
5 access to public information and develop an
6 information network for state government;
- 7 (11) Assume administrative responsibility for the office of
8 information practices; [~~and~~]
- 9 (12) Approve state fleet acquisitions; provided that:
 - 10 (A) Beginning January 1, 2022, all new light-duty
11 motor vehicles that are passenger cars purchased
12 for the State's fleet shall be zero-emission
13 vehicles;
 - 14 (B) Beginning as soon as practicable but no later
15 than January 1, 2030, all new light-duty motor
16 vehicles that are multipurpose passenger vehicles
17 and trucks for the State's fleet shall be zero-
18 emission vehicles; and
 - 19 (C) The comptroller may authorize an exemption for
20 new fleet vehicle purchases if zero-emission
21 vehicles are demonstrated to be cost-prohibitive



1 on a lifecycle basis or unsuitable for the
2 vehicles' planned purpose, or if funds are
3 unavailable[-]; and

4 (13) Perform all permitting functions for all state-related
5 construction projects, pursuant to section 46- .

6 For the purposes of this subsection:

7 "Light-duty motor vehicle" shall have the same meaning as
8 contained in title 10 Code [+]of[+] Federal Regulations part
9 490.

10 "Multipurpose passenger vehicle" shall have the same
11 meaning as contained in title 49 Code of Federal Regulations
12 section 571.3.

13 "Passenger car" shall have the same meaning as contained in
14 title 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 571.3.

15 "Truck" shall have the same meaning as contained in title
16 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 571.3.

17 "Zero-emission vehicle" shall have the same meaning as
18 contained in title 40 Code of Federal Regulations section
19 88.102-94."

20 SECTION 3. (a) No later than January 1, 2025, the
21 department of accounting and general services shall establish a



1 permitting process for all State-related construction projects,
2 pursuant to section 26-6(b) (13) and section 46- , Hawaii
3 Revised Statutes.

4 (b) There is established within the department of
5 accounting and general services a permitting division to perform
6 all permitting functions for all state-related construction
7 projects pursuant to section 46- . The permitting division
8 shall be staffed by full-time equivalent (FTE)
9 employees. These employees shall be in addition to the existing
10 employees of the department of accounting and general services
11 as of the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to
15 fund the positions established by section 3(b) of this Act.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 accounting and general services for purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
19 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
20 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
21 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state



1 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
2 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
3 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
4 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
5 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
6 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
7 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
8 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
9 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
10 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 11 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
12 serve the public interest; and
- 13 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
14 addressed by this Act.

15 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
18 provided that section 4 of this Act shall take effect on July 1,
19 2024.



H.B. NO. 2118

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Report Title:

Permitting; State-related Construction Projects; Counties;
Department of Accounting and General Services; Appropriation;
Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Remove state-related construction projects from the permitting requirements of the counties. Establishes a permitting process and division within the Department of Accounting and General Services. Appropriates funds.

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