

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

494

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.B. No. 1406

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Technology, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1406 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the
Intergovernmental Task Force for Permit Simplification within the
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to
identify actions taken, challenges encountered, and legislative
measures necessary to facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state
and intergovernmental development permit processes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation;
Public Utilities Commission; Hawaiian Telcom; Hawaii Food Industry
Association; NFIB Hawaii Chapter; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS;
Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii;
Charter Communications; Housing Hawai'i's Future; and five
individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to simplify and
expedite the permitting process in the State in order to reduce
delays and create a more predictable environment for investment
and growth. This measure addresses this need by establishing the

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Intergovernmental Task Force for Permit Simplification to facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state and intergovernmental development permit processes.

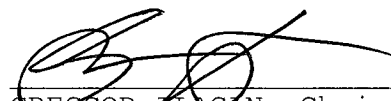
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the task force within the House of Representatives instead of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and deleting the reporting requirement to the Legislature;
- (2) Adding an additional member to the task force to serve as chair;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$125,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1406, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1406, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Technology,


GREGG ILAGAN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1406		Committee Referral: ECD, FIN		Date: 2/7/2025	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
ECD Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ILAGAN, Greggor (C)		/			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)		/			
3. HOLT, Daniel		/			
4. TAM, Adrian K.					/
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann		/			
6. TODD, Chris		/			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren		/			
TOTAL (7)		6	1	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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