
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There shall be established within the
2 house of representatives the Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced
3 Economic Development (SPEED) task force to identify actions
4 taken, challenges encountered, and legislative measures
5 necessary to facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state and
6 intergovernmental development permit processes.

7 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall
8 appoint one member of the house of representatives to serve as
9 chairperson of the task force.

10 (c) The membership of the task force shall include
11 representatives of the following bodies, to be designated by the
12 body's head or, in the case of a board or commission, by the
13 chairperson:

14 (1) The office of the governor;

15 (2) The Hawaii state senate;

16 (3) The department of business, economic development, and
17 tourism;



- 1 (4) The commission on water resource management of the
2 department of land and natural resources;
- 3 (5) The Hawaii community development authority;
- 4 (6) The Hawaii housing finance and development
5 corporation;
- 6 (7) The land use commission;
- 7 (8) The office of planning and sustainable development;
- 8 (9) The Hawaii state energy office;
- 9 (10) The public utilities commission;
- 10 (11) The small business regulatory review board;
- 11 (12) The state historic preservation division of the
12 department of land and natural resources;
- 13 (13) The wastewater branch of the department of health; and
- 14 (14) The state building code council of the department of
15 accounting and general services.
- 16 (d) The task force shall invite the following individuals
17 to participate in the task force:
- 18 (1) Representatives from each of the offices of the
19 State's Congressional delegation;
- 20 (2) Representatives from each of the county planning and
21 permitting departments; and



1 (3) An individual having knowledge, experience, and
2 expertise in the area of labor.

3 (e) Members shall be designated no later than August 1,
4 2025.

5 (f) The task force shall hold its first meeting no later
6 than sixty days after the finalization of its members or
7 October 1, 2025, whichever is earlier.

8 (g) The members of the task force shall serve without
9 compensation for their service on the task force.

10 (h) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2027.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2026-2027 for the staffing and administrative costs of the
16 Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED)
17 task force.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
19 planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this
20 Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



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Report Title:

Government Procedures; Permitting Process; Simplifying
Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) Task Force;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic
Development (SPEED) Task Force to identify actions taken,
challenges encountered, and legislative measures necessary to
facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state and intergovernmental
development permit processes. Appropriates funds. (CD1)

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