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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 establish a state permitting
8 office to quickly and efficiently process building and
9 infrastructure permits for construction of state buildings,
10 state roads and highways, and other construction on state lands,
11 while simultaneously ensuring that the construction complies
12 with all state and county building and infrastructure
13 requirements.

14 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
15 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
16 as follows:



1 "CHAPTER

2 STATE PERMITTING OFFICE

3 § -1 Definitions. For purposes of this part:

4 "Department" means the department of transportation.

5 "Office" means the state permitting office established
6 pursuant to section -2.

7 "State permit" means a permit issued by the state
8 permitting office.

9 § -2 State permitting office; purpose. There is
10 established the state permitting office within the department.
11 Subject to the requirements of this part, the state permitting
12 office shall:

13 (1) Review applications containing state building and
14 infrastructure construction plans to ensure that the
15 plans satisfy the state building code as required by
16 section 107-31, the applicable county building code,
17 and any other applicable construction code; and

18 (2) Issue a state permit to the applicant if the
19 application satisfies all applicable codes or deny the
20 application if the application does not satisfy all
21 applicable codes.



1 § -3 **State permit authorized.** (a) A person may obtain
2 a state permit from the office in lieu of obtaining a county
3 building or infrastructure permit required by any county for any
4 type of work regarding a state building, state infrastructure,
5 or any type of work on state land.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary,
7 any person who obtains a state permit under this part shall not
8 be liable for any failure to obtain a county building or
9 infrastructure permit for the same work submitted in an
10 application to the office for which the state permit was issued.

11 § -4 **Rules.** The state permitting office, in
12 consultation with the state building code council, shall adopt
13 rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for this part, including
14 rules addressing the permit application process, required
15 submissions, and fees."

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2026-2027 for establishment of the state permitting office.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

State Permitting Office; DOT; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the State Permitting Office within the Department of Transportation to process building and infrastructure permits for construction of state-owned buildings, state roads and highways, and other construction on state lands. Appropriates moneys.

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