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# SENATE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE FOR SPEED (SIMPLIFYING PERMITTING FOR ENHANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) TO IDENTIFY ACTIONS NEEDED TO EXPEDITE, FACILITATE, AND COORDINATE STATE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERMIT PROCESSES.

1           WHEREAS, the permitting process can be subject to lengthy  
2 waiting periods, leading to delays in housing, industrial, and  
3 commercial projects and stifling economic development in the  
4 State; and

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6           WHEREAS, bringing together representatives from the various  
7 agencies responsible for permitting can greatly enhance  
8 understanding of issues present in the permitting process and  
9 help determine changes needed to expedite the process; now,  
10 therefore,

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12           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
14 that there is established the Task Force for SPEED (Simplifying  
15 Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development) to identify  
16 actions needed to expedite, facilitate, and coordinate state and  
17 intergovernmental permit processes; and

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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
20 consist of the following individuals:

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22           (1) One member of the House of Representatives, to be  
23 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives, who shall serve as the chairperson of  
25 the task force;

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27           (2) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
28 President of the Senate;

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30           (3) A representative from the Office of the Governor;

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- 1 (4) A representative from the Department of Business,  
2 Economic Development, and Tourism;
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- 4 (5) A representative from the Public Utilities Commission;
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- 6 (6) A representative from the Commission on Water Resource  
7 Management of the Department of Land and Natural  
8 Resources;
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- 10 (7) A representative from the Hawaii Community Development  
11 Authority;
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- 13 (8) A representative from the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
14 Development Corporation;
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- 16 (9) A representative from the Land Use Commission;
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- 18 (10) A representative from the Office of Planning and  
19 Sustainable Development;
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- 21 (11) A representative from the Small Business Regulatory  
22 Review Board;
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- 24 (12) A representative from the State Historic Preservation  
25 Division of the Department of Land and Natural  
26 Resources; and
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- 28 (13) A representative from the Wastewater Branch of the  
29 Environmental Management Division of the Department of  
30 Health; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the task  
33 force is requested to invite the following individuals to serve  
34 as members of the task force:

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- 36 (1) A representative from each of the offices of Hawaii's  
37 congressional delegation;
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- 39 (2) A representative from the Department of Planning and  
40 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu;
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1 (3) A representative from the Planning Department of the  
2 County of Maui;

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4 (4) A representative from the Planning Department of the  
5 County of Hawaii; and

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7 (5) A representative from the Planning Department of the  
8 County of Kauai; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives for the task  
11 force are requested to be designated no later than August 1,  
12 2025; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
15 hold its first meeting no later than October 1, 2025; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
18 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
19 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
20 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
21 2026; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
24 cease to exist on June 30, 2027; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
28 congressional delegation; Governor; Director of Business,  
29 Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of the Board of  
30 Land and Natural Resources; Chairperson of the Public Utilities  
31 Commission; Chair of the Hawaii Community Development Authority;  
32 Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
33 Corporation; Chair of the Land Use Commission; Director of the  
34 Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Chair of the  
35 Small Business Regulatory Review Board; Administrator of the  
36 State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land  
37 and Natural Resources; Chief of the Wastewater Branch of the  
38 Department of Health; Director of the Department of Planning and  
39 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; Director of the  
40 Planning Department of the County of Maui; Planning Director of  
41 the Planning Department of the County of Hawaii; and Planning  
42 Director of the Planning Department of the County of Kauai.

