

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTED AFTER
4:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 9**

Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development
(SPEED) Task Force Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

SIMPLIFYING PERMITTING FOR ENHANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SPEED) TASK FORCE
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 325
Thursday, September 11, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.

Chair, Representative Greggor Ilagan
Members of the SPEED Task Force

Aloha Chair Ilagan and Members of the SPEED Task Force,

We would like to first give a big mahalo to Representative Ilagan for providing a Zoom presentation on the SPEED Task Force to our members and sharing what the task force is working to accomplish. We are excited by the proactive and holistic approach and that you are looking at best practices from across the state. It is important to have systems where residents can better understand the process and know where they are in the process to make informed decisions. This is particularly important in Maui with the rebuilding of Lahaina.

We also appreciate that the committee is addressing building permits, SHPD, and wastewater first, as these are critical areas that have regularly been raised and as the statewide housing crisis impacts us all. Attainable housing and rentals has been one of our top priorities for decades as it greatly impacts our residents, workforce, businesses, and economy.

We held affordable housing summits in 2017 and 2019 to identify barriers to building and areas that could be improved for more efficient processes, and are happy to share some of the recommendations from attendees (developers, builders, state/county reps, nonprofits, community members interested in affordable housing, and more):

- Streamline permitting to decrease processing time
- Utilize third-party planning and permitting
- Create faster processes for entitlement
- Remove redundant requirements between the County and State
- Increase acreage amounts for the State Land Use Commission
- Complete comprehensive zoning
- Consider streamlining the SHPD process and/or bringing in 3rd party reviewers

We look forward to engaging with the task force further as you receive presentations and consider recommendations for policy changes.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.