

**House of Representatives  
The Thirty-Third Legislature  
Interim of 2025  
Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) Taskforce  
Meeting #3  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
9:40 a.m. – approximately 3:00 p.m.**

**Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street. Rm 325  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813  
Via Videoconference & In-Person  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khh75seKIXs>**

Members/  
Designees

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Christine Camp  
Addison Bulosan  
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\*Attendees present on last page

**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

Chair Ilagan called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Meeting purpose: Receive final input on the three PIG reports (Building Permit, Chapter 6E Historic Preservation, and Individual Wastewater System (IWS)) and discuss and vote on recommendations from these PIGs.

Participation was available in-person and via Zoom.

Roll call was conducted for members joining on Zoom, then in-person presence was noted as recorded on the sign-in sheet.

## **2. Member and Guest Introductions / Sunshine Law Compliance**

Chair Ilagan conducted roll call via Zoom and in person, asking participants to state their name and affiliation.

Introductions included legislative office staff, county and agency representatives, and business and stakeholder representatives.

Chair Ilagan confirmed that, with all introduced members and Zoom participants, the Task Force was in compliance with sunshine law requirements.

## **3. Building Permit PIG Recommendations: Q&A and Discussion**

The Task Force returned to recommendations previously presented by the Building Permit PIG (Chair: Rep. Sue Keohokapu-Lee Loy).

Chair Ilagan noted that the PIG had already presented its report and key findings at earlier meetings and that, for this meeting, the focus was questions, discussion, and preparing for formal votes.

Discussion highlighted workforce and capacity challenges, variable plan quality, the need for clearer guidance and self-help tools, and broad support for a modern digital permitting platform with AI-assisted tools for completeness checks and applicant guidance, while maintaining county flexibility.

Members also discussed creating a statewide framework for off-site construction and modular housing to reduce duplication in county review and support housing production while maintaining safety standards.

## **4. Chapter 6E Historic Preservation PIG: Presentation, Testimony, and Discussion**

Chair Ilagan announced Agenda Item 4: Chapter 6E Historic Preservation PIG (Chair: Rep. Tyson Miyake) and opened public testimony for this item.

President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of efforts to clarify and streamline historic preservation reviews and emphasized the impacts of delay and uncertainty on housing and economic development.

The PIG reviewed Chapter 6E's role in protecting historic and cultural resources while allowing responsible development and identified issues including uncertainty in sensitivity determinations, fragmented and repeated reviews, staffing constraints, backlogs, low rates of inadvertent discoveries relative to total volume, and inconsistencies across rules and statutes.

Key recommendations included draft legislation to clarify timelines and complete submittals, increased SHPD staffing, investments in HICRIS and GIS tools, and regular structured stakeholder meetings with agencies, Island Burial Councils, cultural practitioners, and industry.

## **5. Individual Wastewater System (IWS) PIG: Testimony, Discussion**

Agenda Item 5 covered the IWS PIG recommendations (Chair: Rep. Mike Lee). Public testimony included comments from Angela emphasizing the importance of aligning IWS upgrades with sustainability and green building standards.

The presentation covered the importance of IWS in rural areas, DOH's role, the multi-step IWS permitting process, and the gap between Approvals to Construct and Approvals to Use.

Key findings included workforce and capacity shortages, infeasibility of meeting the 2050 cesspool conversion mandate at the current pace, the intersection with historic preservation review, and outdated technical standards.

Recommendations included funding a data-driven technical study, regular stakeholder convenings, an IWS "fast lane" with pre-approved designs, coordinated incentives and regional infrastructure, and improved homeowner education and disclosure.

## **6. Voting on PIG Recommendations and Adoption of SPEED Task Force Recommendations**

Following lunch recess, Chair Ilagan reconvened the meeting and announced Agenda Item 6: voting on recommendations from the Building Permit PIG, Chapter 6E Historic Preservation PIG, and IWS PIG.

Chair Ilagan opened public testimony specific to Agenda Item 6; no testimony was received and testimony was closed.

Chair Ilagan reviewed the voting guidelines, including that each of the 34 Task Force members may bring forward one recommendation, that PIG recommendations would be taken up first, and that for each recommendation there would be up to three rounds of testimony with one speaker in support and one in opposition per round.

### **Summary of Votes**

#### **Building Permit PIG**

- **BP-1 – Workforce Pipeline**  
Build a permitting workforce pipeline (recruitment, retention, pipeline for plans examiners/inspectors).
  - **Adopted unanimously.**
  - **BP-2 – Digital / AI Permitting Platform**  
Develop a shared or interoperable digital permitting platform with AI tools for completeness checks and applicant guidance, plus in-person/phone support. Modified and restated.

- Modified to: a shared or at minimum interoperable digital permitting platform that all counties and key state agencies can use, with AI tools for completeness checks and applicant guidance, and with equity safeguards (in-person and phone support maintained).
- **Adopted, with 1 “no” vote.**
- **BP-3 – Off-Site / Modular Framework**  
Create a statewide framework for off-site / factory-built / modular construction and identify/establish an implementing entity with counties. Modified and restated.

The intent stayed the same, but the **wording was tightened** to:

- Make clear the Legislature (with OPSD support) would identify or establish the appropriate implementing entity, and emphasize this happens in partnership with the counties, not in place of them.
  - **Adopted, with 4 “no” votes.**
- **BP-4 – Ongoing Professional Development**  
Invest in ongoing professional development for permanent permitting staff.
  - **Adopted.**

## Chapter 6E Historic Preservation PIG

- **6E-1 – Timelines & Complete Submittal (Act 160 concept)** – Extend clear timelines and “complete submittal” standards more broadly in 6E.
  - **Adopted.**
- **6E-2 – SHPD Staffing** – Increase and support SHPD staffing.
  - **Adopted.**
- **6E-3 – HICRIS / GIS Investment** – Invest in HICRIS and sensitivity mapping, with access for counties.
  - **Adopted.**
- **6E-4– Stakeholder Convenings** – Regular, structured **multi-stakeholder convenings** on 6E implementation. Modified and restated.
  - Modified to add more stakeholders to ensure representation
  - **Adopted.**

## **IWS (Individual Wastewater System) PIG**

- **IWS Package** – Data-driven **technical study** of standards, **IWS fast lane** (pre-approved designs), **regular convenings**, and better **education/disclosure** on systems and the 2050 mandate.
    - **All recommendations adopted.**
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## **Procedural**

- After voting, the Building Permit PIG, 6E PIG, and IWS PIG were all formally dissolved.

## **7. Dissolution of PIGs and Adjournment**

Once all recommendations for a given PIG had been voted on, Chair Ilagan declared that PIG formally dissolved.

By the conclusion of Agenda Item 6, the Building Permit PIG, Chapter 6E Historic Preservation PIG, and Individual Wastewater System (IWS) PIG were all formally dissolved, having completed their work.

With no further business, Chair Ilagan thanked the PIG chairs and members, all Task Force members, and public participants for their engagement. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

## **In-person Guests/ Attendees**

- Rep. Greggor Ilagan
- Rep. Mike Lee
- Rep. Sue Keohokapu-Lee Loy
- Rep. Tyson Miyake
- Reginald King
- Additional in-person attendees as noted on the sign-in sheet.

## **Zoom Guests/ Attendees**

- Session was not recorded so online attendance list is not available.