

**House of Representatives
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**Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) Taskforce Meeting #2
Monday, December 15, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street. Rm 411
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Via Videoconference & In-Person**

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Members/ Designees	Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair	Howard Wiig
	Glenn Waikai	Ka'aina Hull
	Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Aaron Spielman
	Cameron Deptula	Jordan Molina
	Seiji Ogawa	Dawn Apuna
	Ciara Kahahane	Sheryl Abellanosa
	Martin Anzellini Garcia-Reyes	Jordan Odo
	Dean Minakami	Brian Kung
	Mary Alice Evans	Monica Toguchi
	Cameron Black	Denise Nakanishi
	Mohan Samtani	Perry Arrasmith
	Jennifer Salisbury	Darryl Oliveira
	Jessica Puff	Morgan Gerdel
	Jon Nagato	Christine Camp
	Brain Lee	Addison Bulosan
	Dennis Onishi	Esther Kia'aina
	Mark Clemente	

*Attendees present on last page

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Ilagan called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

Meeting purpose: Regular SPEED Task Force meeting, including PIG (Permitted Interaction Group) presentations.

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. Previous Meeting Minutes

Chair Ilagan opened public testimony specific to the previous meeting minutes.

No testimony was received via Zoom or in person.

Testimony on this item was closed.

Discussion & Action

Minutes were available in members board packets and online.

Chair Ilagan invited questions from Zoom and in-person members; no questions were raised.

Action: Chair Ilagan ordered that the previous meeting minutes be filed.

3. Chair's Report

3.1 Outreach & Presentations Since Last Meeting

- Sept 15 – Presentation to the Chinese Chamber (no task force members present).
- Sept 18 – Presentation to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (Task Force member Jennifer Salisbury was present; no other members identified)
- Oct 7 – Presentation to the General Contractors Association of Hawai'i (no task force members present).
- Oct 14 – Webinar presentation to the Hawai'i Chamber (Chair Ilagan invited members to note if they had attended; no responses were received).
- Oct 22 – Presentation at the Land Use Commission (Brian Lee, Seiji Ogawa, and Mary Alice Evans were present as members).

Chair Ilagan invited any additional members to identify themselves if they had attended these events; none did so.

3.2 Introduction of SPEED Task Force Coordinator

Chair Ilagan formally introduced Reginald T. “Regi” King as the new SPEED Task Force Coordinator.

Chair Ilagan thanked Diana Setness for her work supporting the Task Force and helping train and transition Reginald into the role.

Chair Ilagan invited questions for Reginald; no questions were raised, and members welcomed him on board.

3.3 January 6, 2026 Recommendations & Voting Process

Chair Ilagan previewed the planned process for the January 6, 2026 meeting: any Task Force member (34 members total) may submit recommendations for a vote, not only PIG members.

Members should email recommendations to Reginald King at the SPEED Task Force email (STF@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Order of consideration: first, key recommendations from the PIGs presenting at this meeting; then member-submitted recommendations, taken up in the order received (first-come, first-served).

For each recommendation, discussion will use structured rounds of testimony: one speaker in support and one in opposition per round, up to three rounds total.

Chair Ilagan emphasized this guidance is specific to the January 6, 2026 meeting; more details will be shared as the date approaches.

Chair Ilagan invited comments and questions from Zoom and in-person members; none were raised.

4. Presentation: Building Permit PIG

Public testimony was opened and closed with no speakers.

Presenter: Rep. Sue Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Chair of the Building Permit PIG.

The PIG reviewed 79 SWAT recommendation forms, held 7 meetings, and engaged 15 different disciplines, investing approximately 270 hours.

Key themes included workforce shortages, variable quality of plan submittals, resource constraints, and the need for better self-help tools and unified digital platforms.

Short-term (“kalo”) needs focused on workforce pipeline, training, and digital tools; long-term (“koa”) needs focused on a statewide process for off-site construction and pre-approved solutions.

Members were asked to review the written PIG report and send questions to the SPEED Task Force email ahead of the January 6 meeting.

5. Presentation: Chapter 6E Historic Preservation PIG

Public testimony was opened and closed with no speakers.

Presenter: Rep. Tyson Miyake, Chair of the Chapter 6E Historic Preservation PIG.

The presentation reviewed Chapter 6E’s role in protecting historic and cultural resources while allowing responsible development.

Findings included uncertainty in sensitivity determinations, fragmented and repeated reviews,

staffing constraints, backlogs, the importance of early planning, low rate of inadvertent discoveries, inconsistencies across rules and statutes, and challenges faced by Island Burial Councils. Key recommendations included draft legislation to clarify timelines and complete submittals, increased SHPD staffing, investments in HICRIS and GIS tools, regular structured stakeholder meetings, and further study of programmatic agreements, Burial Council reforms, and potential self-certification pathways.

6. Presentation: Individual Wastewater System (IWS)

PIG

Public testimony was opened and closed with no speakers.

Presenter: Rep. Mike Lee, Chair of the Individual Wastewater System (IWS) PIG.

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 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.

7. Public Testimony on Presentations (Agenda Items 4–6)

Chair Ilagan reopened public testimony for all three PIG presentations (Building Permit, 6E Historic Preservation, and IWS).

Angela Melody Young (CARES) testified on the need to better integrate county and state efforts, highlighting county presentations on permitting, cesspool conversions, SHPD-related issues, and greywater features in affordable housing.

Chair Ilagan asked for additional testifiers; none came forward and testimony was closed.

8. Designation of Coordinator for SPEED Summit

Public testimony was opened and closed with no speakers.

Chair Ilagan described the responsibilities of the Speed Summit Coordinator, including agenda development, venue and date selection, outreach, speaker invitations, communications, and budget tracking.

Chair Ilagan appointed Jordan Odo as the Speed Summit Coordinator, citing his experience organizing a Cost of Living Summit with the Hawai'i Chamber Young Professionals and expressing full confidence in his abilities.

9. Adjournment

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 10:54 AM.

**In-person
Guests/
Attendees**
Rep. Greggor Ilagan
Rep. Mike Lee
Rep. Sue Keohokapu-Lee Loy
Randy Chu
Jonathan Nagato
Kevin Ihu
Seiji Ogawa
Cameron Black
Ashley Niibu
Howard Wiig
Reginald King

**Zoom
Guests/
Attendees**
**Attendee
information
incomplete*

Rep. Mark Hashem
Rep. Joe Gedeon
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
Rep. Tyson Miyake
Ciara Kahahane
Perry Arrasmith
Julian Kiyabu
Denise Nakanishi
Mitchell Okuma
Jessica Puff
Jordan Molina
Lance Nakamura
Monica Toguchi Ryan
Michael Kat
Aaron Spielman
Andrew Okabe
Neal Tanaka
Craig Clouet
David Kobayashi
Mark Anthony Clemente
Hanna Lesiak
Dori Palcovich
Will Duke
Angela Young
Jordan Odo
Brian Lee
Keali'i Lopez
Brian Kung
Martin Anzellini
Bruce Meyers
Alika Ke-Paloma

Christine Camp
Diana Setness
Jennifer Salisbury
Kristin Shimada
Alec Ikeda
Esther Kiaaina
Morgan Gerdel
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