

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

21

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 30 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 331  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 331 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERMITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of any state department or agency; and
- (2) Clarify that contracts for the construction, renovation, or repair of facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i, or School Facilities Authority are exempt from county permitting requirements that related off-site improvements be made by the contracting government agency as a condition to the issuance of any permit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i System; School Facilities Authority; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

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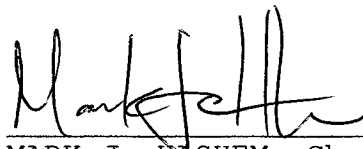
Your Committee finds that most, but not all, counties exempt state agencies from county permitting requirements. Your Committee believes that aligning the county permitting exemptions for state agencies across all counties will accelerate the timeline for essential repairs and improvements and more efficiently address critical repair and maintenance and infrastructural needs across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining "repetitive construction project";
- (2) Clarifying that county permitting exemptions do not apply to projects within a Special Flood Hazard Area;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 331, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 331, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <b>HB 331</b>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <b>WAL, CPC, FIN</b>	<b>Date:</b> <b>1/28/2025</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)			
<b>WAL Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>
<b>1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)</b>	✓		
<b>2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)</b>	✓		
<b>3. BELATTI, Della Au</b>		✓	
<b>4. ICHIYAMA, Linda</b>	✓		
<b>5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco</b>	✓		
<b>6. MORIKAWA, Dee</b>	✓		
<b>7. POEPOE, Mahina</b>	✓		
<b>8. WOODSON, Justin H.</b>			✓
<b>9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.</b>	✓		
<b>10. SOUZA, Kanani</b>	✓		
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: -10px;">             committee acronym(s)         </div>			
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: -20px;"> </div>			
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