

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 66
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 66
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require counties
to grant building permits within sixty days if the application is
stamped and certified by a licensed engineer and architect and
other certain conditions are met.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, RMA Sales, Hawai'i
Association of REALTORS, Hawaii Food Industry Association, NAIOP
Hawaii, Building Industry Association of Hawaii, Maui Chamber of
Commerce, and five individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City
and County of Honolulu and Lāhainā Strong.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that in recent years, permit approval
processes have considerably delayed the construction of many
residential and housing development projects. However, the State



has a mandate to protect historic properties, burial sites, and other cultural resources that are valuable to the State's history and people. Therefore, this measure streamlines operations with the existing permitting process while acknowledging the State's cultural heritage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a building permit for a single-family and multi-family project shall be issued within sixty days of a complete application;
- (2) Specifying that one option for an application to be deemed complete shall include qualified county professionals who meet State Historic Preservation Division rules governing professional qualifications for architecture, archaeology, architectural history, or physical anthropology, making a reasonable and good-faith determination that the project does not have the potential to affect historic properties, archaeological resources, or burial sites; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 66, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 66, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

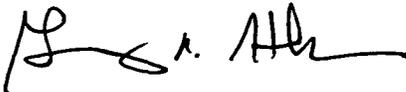
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,


STANLEY CHANG, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 66	HOU, JOC	2/11/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)	/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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