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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,  
IN COORDINATION WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AND COUNTY  
DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES, TO DEVELOP METHODS TO ESTIMATE  
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DELAYS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

1 WHEREAS, approvals made by decision-making authorities for  
2 public capital improvement projects use cost-benefit analyses to  
3 evaluate the public's benefit against the total cost to complete  
4 a certain project; and

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6 WHEREAS, approvals of required discretionary permits for  
7 private projects are partially contingent on the cost-benefit  
8 analysis of public benefits and the costs associated with  
9 project completion; and

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11 WHEREAS, project delays raise the estimated costs of the  
12 project, including costs related to labor, materials, land,  
13 capital, and inflation; and

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15 WHEREAS, value engineering is a systematic process to  
16 identify and eliminate unwanted costs, under which the scope of  
17 a project can be narrowed down because of project delays and  
18 potentially reducing the estimated benefits to the public; and

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20 WHEREAS, additional funding may be approved by the  
21 decision-making authority to complete the delayed project, which  
22 comes at a greater cost for taxpayers; and

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24 WHEREAS, higher rent or buying prices may be proposed to  
25 permitting agencies to offset the increased costs of project  
26 completion caused by delays; and

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28 WHEREAS, when project costs rise because of delays, the  
29 decision-making authority's initial cost-benefit analysis may  
30 become invalid; and



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2 WHEREAS, decision-making authorities should be presented  
3 with estimated costs that could incur from project delays beyond  
4 its initial plan, to make better informed decisions; now,  
5 therefore,

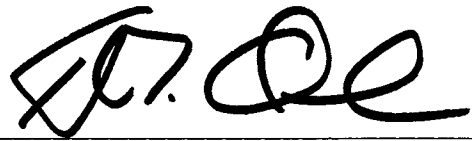
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
8 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
9 of 2025, that the Office of Planning and Sustainable  
10 Development, in coordination with the Department of Accounting  
11 and General Services, Department of Budget and Finance,  
12 Department of Transportation, Land Use Commission, and the  
13 planning and public works departments of the respective  
14 counties, are requested to:

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16 (1) Identify strategies to secure information regarding  
17 the costs incurred due to a delay in the performance  
18 of any project, whether public or private, that used  
19 public funds or public permits prior to the initial  
20 commencement of the project; and  
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22 (2) Propose amendments to existing budget request forms or  
23 permit applications to facilitate sharing of the  
24 estimated costs associated with project delays with  
25 decision-making authorities; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning and  
28 Sustainable Development is requested to submit to the  
29 Legislature a report of its findings and recommendations,  
30 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days  
31 prior to the Regular Session of 2026; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Resolution be transmitted to Director of the Office of Planning  
35 and Sustainable Development, Comptroller, Director of Budget and  
36 Finance, Director of Transportation, Chair of the Land Use  
37 Commission, and the respective Mayor of each county.  
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OFFERED BY:



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