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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO WORK WITH CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES
TO REVIEW THE PREREQUISITES FOR OBTAINING PERMIT APPROVAL
FOR DEVELOPMENTS AT THE STATE AND COUNTY LEVELS.

1 WHEREAS, a coordinated effort between all levels of
2 government and the private sector is necessary to expedite a
3 sluggish and duplicative approval process for construction
4 projects; and

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6 WHEREAS, for over twenty years, the State and counties have
7 imposed financial requirements, such as community facilities
8 district financing, impact fees, and infrastructure construction
9 on developers as prerequisites to obtaining approval for
10 developments; and

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12 WHEREAS, as a result of these financial impositions,
13 infrastructure construction costs may rise, and construction
14 sometimes remains unfinished; and

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16 WHEREAS, it is necessary to understand the effects of
17 imposing prerequisites on the cost of construction and
18 development, including the effect upon the communities where
19 development has been directed; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
23 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
24 Tourism is requested to work with construction industry
25 representatives to review the prerequisites for obtaining permit
26 approval for developments at the State and county levels with a
27 view toward cost containment, community benefits, expedition of
28 construction and permitting, and uniformity in imposition of
29 prerequisites from one development project to the next; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
32 Economic Development, and Tourism, is requested to report its
33 findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Mayors of the County of Hawaii, County of Kauai, County of Maui, and City and County of Honolulu.

OFFERED BY:

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