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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXEMPTING ALL STATE-  
RELATED CONSTRUCTION FROM COUNTY PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS  
AND ESTABLISHING A PERMITTING DIVISION WITHIN THE  
DEPARTMENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PERMITTING SERVICES FOR  
ALL STATE-RELATED CONSTRUCTION.

1           WHEREAS, developers in the State are generally required to  
2 obtain building permits from the county in which their project  
3 is located to ensure that construction and renovation work is  
4 completed in accordance with federal, state, and local laws,  
5 ordinances, and codes; and

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7           WHEREAS, county agencies responsible for permitting have  
8 been experiencing difficulties in hiring qualified land use plan  
9 reviewers, resulting in a chronic backlog of permit  
10 applications; and

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12           WHEREAS, a survey issued in April 2022 by the University of  
13 Hawaii Economic Research Organization found that Hawaii, Kauai,  
14 and Maui County and the City and County of Honolulu were among  
15 the nation's eleven most heavily regulated counties and that the  
16 average delay in issuing building permits in Hawaii is three  
17 times longer than the survey sample mean; and

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19           WHEREAS, state departments routinely oversee construction  
20 projects, all of which require approval from the county in which  
21 the project is located; and

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23           WHEREAS, multiple stages of project review at the county  
24 level contribute to the county permitting agencies' permit  
25 backlog; and



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1 WHEREAS, it is prudent to eliminate barriers that prevent  
2 expeditious construction of projects that are over seen by the  
3 State; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
7 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
8 Accounting and General Services is requested to conduct a study  
9 on the feasibility of exempting all state-related construction  
10 projects from county permitting requirements and establishing a  
11 Permitting Division within the Department to be responsible for  
12 permitting services for all state-related construction; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller.  
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OFFERED BY:



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