
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. **Intergovernmental task force for permit**
2 **simplification.** (a) There shall be established within the
3 department of business, economic development, and tourism the
4 intergovernmental task force for permit simplification to
5 identify actions taken, challenges encountered, and legislative
6 measures necessary to facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state
7 and intergovernmental development permit processes.

8 (b) The membership of the intergovernmental task force for
9 permit simplification shall include representatives of the
10 following bodies, to be designated by the body's head or, in the
11 case of a board or commission, by the chairperson:

- 12 (1) The office of the governor;
- 13 (2) The department of business, economic development, and
14 tourism;
- 15 (3) The commission on water resource management of the
16 department of land and natural resources;
- 17 (4) The Hawaii community development authority;



- 1 (5) The Hawaii housing finance and development
- 2 corporation;
- 3 (6) The land use commission;
- 4 (7) The office of planning and sustainable development;
- 5 (8) The public utilities commission;
- 6 (9) The small business regulatory review board;
- 7 (10) The state historic preservation division of the
- 8 department of land and natural resources; and
- 9 (11) The wastewater branch of the department of health.
- 10 (c) The task force shall invite representatives from the
- 11 following offices to participate in the task force:
- 12 (1) Each of the offices of the State's congressional
- 13 delegation; and
- 14 (2) Each of the county planning and permitting
- 15 departments.
- 16 (d) Representatives shall be designated no later than
- 17 August 1, 2025.
- 18 (e) The task force shall hold its first meeting no later
- 19 than sixty days after the finalization of its members or
- 20 October 1, 2025, whichever is earlier.



1 (f) The members of the intergovernmental task force for
2 permit simplification shall serve without compensation for their
3 service on the task force.

4 (g) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
5 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
6 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
7 each regular session during which the task force will continue
8 to exist.

9 (h) The task force shall cease upon the submission of a
10 final report to the legislature or on June 30, 2027, whichever
11 is earlier.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2026-2027 for the administrative costs of the
17 intergovernmental task force for permit simplification and
18 staff.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
21 of this Act.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

Government Procedures; Permitting Process; Intergovernmental Task Force for Permit Simplification; DBEDT; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Intergovernmental Task Force for Permit Simplification to identify actions taken, challenges encountered, and legislative measures necessary to facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state and intergovernmental development permit processes. Appropriates funds.

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