
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERMITS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that although most
2 counties already exempt state agencies from certain permitting
3 requirements, it is essential to ensure that all facilities
4 under the jurisdiction of the department of education,
5 university of Hawaii, and school facilities authority are also
6 granted this exemption. Eliminating the permitting process for
7 repetitive construction projects for state departments and
8 agencies will also accelerate the timeline for essential repairs
9 and improvements, addressing critical infrastructure needs more
10 efficiently across the State.

11 The purpose of this Act is to:

12 (1) Establish an exemption from applicable county permit
13 requirements for repetitive construction projects for
14 facilities under the control of any state department
15 or agency; and

16 (2) Clarify that contracts for the construction,
17 renovation, or repair of facilities under the control



1 of the department of education, university of Hawaii,
2 or school facilities authority shall be exempt from
3 county permitting requirements that related off-site
4 improvements be made by the contracting government
5 agency as a condition to the issuance of any permit.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
7 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
8 read as follows:

9 "§46- County permit exemption; repetitive construction
10 projects. A contract for repetitive construction projects,
11 including but not limited to one-for-one replacements and minor
12 repair and maintenance, of facilities under the control of any
13 state department or agency shall be exempt from any applicable
14 county permit requirement due to any county agency having
15 jurisdiction over the proposed action; provided that no contract
16 for repetitive construction projects shall be exempt from
17 federal, state, or county floodplain management development
18 standards or statutes, codes, ordinances, rules, or regulations
19 with which compliance is required under the National Flood
20 Insurance Program."



1 SECTION 3. Section 103-39.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§103-39.5 Construction, renovation, or repair of school
4 facilities; county permit exemption. Any contract for the
5 construction, renovation, or repair of [~~public school~~]
6 facilities under the control of the department of education,
7 university of Hawaii, or school facilities authority shall be
8 exempt from any county requirement [~~of a county~~] that related
9 off-site improvements be made by the contracting government
10 agency as a condition to the issuance of any permit."

11 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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H.B. NO. 331

Report Title:

County Permit Exemptions; Repetitive Construction Projects;
State Departments; Off-site Improvements

Description:

Establishes an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of any state department or agency, under certain conditions. Clarifies that contracts for the construction, renovation, or repair of facilities under the control of the department of education, university of Hawaii, or school facilities authority shall be exempt from county permitting requirements that related off-site improvements be made by the contracting government agency as a condition to the issuance of any permit.

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