
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTY PERMITS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§46- County permits; state projects; designated staff.

5 (a) Each county permitting agency shall establish and fill
6 positions exclusively to process permit applications submitted
7 for state projects; provided that each county permitting agency
8 may contract the services of a third party to process permit
9 applications submitted for state projects until the time that
10 the positions are filled.

11 (b) For the purposes of this section:

12 "County permitting agency" means the planning department of
13 the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii and the department of
14 planning and permitting of the city and county of Honolulu, or
15 any other county agency designated by the county councils to
16 issue building, construction, or development-related permits.



1 "State project" means any activity directly undertaken by
 2 the State or its political subdivisions or supported in whole or
 3 in part through appropriations, contracts, grants, loans, or
 4 other forms of funding assistance from the State or its
 5 political subdivisions."

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
 9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 10 year 2026-2027 for the counties to establish and fill positions
 11 pursuant to section 1 of this Act, to be allocated as follows:

- 12 (1) \$ to the city and county of Honolulu;
- 13 (2) \$ to the county of Maui;
- 14 (3) \$ to the county of Hawaii; and
- 15 (4) \$ to the county of Kauai.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by each county for
 17 the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

Counties; Permits; State Projects; Designated Staff;
Appropriations

Description:

Requires county permitting agencies to establish and fill positions exclusively to process permit applications submitted for state projects. Appropriates funds.

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