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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,  
IN COORDINATION WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AND COUNTY  
DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES, TO DEVELOP METHODS TO ESTIMATE  
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DELAYS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

1           WHEREAS, approvals made by decision-making authorities for  
2 public capital improvement projects use cost-benefit analyses to  
3 evaluate the public's benefit against the total cost to complete  
4 a certain project; and

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6           WHEREAS, approvals of required discretionary permits for  
7 private projects are partially contingent on the cost-benefit  
8 analysis of public benefits and the costs associated with  
9 project completion; and

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11           WHEREAS, project delays raise the estimated costs of the  
12 project, including costs related to labor, materials, land,  
13 capital, and inflation; and

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15           WHEREAS, value engineering is a systematic process to  
16 identify and eliminate unwanted costs, under which the scope of  
17 a project can be narrowed down because of project delays and  
18 potentially reducing the estimated benefits to the public; and

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20           WHEREAS, additional funding may be approved by the  
21 decision-making authority to complete the delayed project, which  
22 comes at a greater cost for taxpayers; and

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24           WHEREAS, higher rent or buying prices may be proposed to  
25 permitting agencies to offset the increased costs of project  
26 completion caused by delays; and  
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1 WHEREAS, when project costs rise because of delays, the  
2 decision-making authority's initial cost-benefit analysis may  
3 become invalid; and

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5 WHEREAS, decision-making authorities should be presented  
6 with estimated costs that could incur from project delays beyond  
7 its initial plan, to make better informed decisions; now,  
8 therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Planning and  
13 Sustainable Development, in coordination with the Department of  
14 Accounting and General Services, Department of Budget and  
15 Finance, Department of Transportation, Land Use Commission, and  
16 the planning and public works departments of the respective  
17 counties, are requested to:

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19 (1) Identify strategies to secure information regarding  
20 the costs incurred due to a delay in the performance  
21 of any project, whether public or private, that used  
22 public funds or public permits prior to the initial  
23 commencement of the project; and  
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25 (2) Propose amendments to existing budget request forms or  
26 permit applications to facilitate sharing of the  
27 estimated costs associated with project delays with  
28 decision-making authorities; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning and  
31 Sustainable Development is requested to submit to the  
32 Legislature a report of its findings and recommendations,  
33 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days  
34 prior to the Regular Session of 2026; and  
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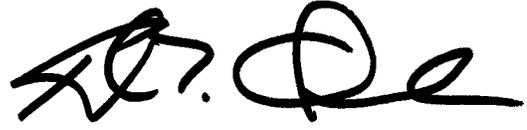
36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of the Office  
38 of Planning and Sustainable Development, Comptroller, Director  
39 of Budget and Finance, Director of Transportation, Chair of the  
40 Land Use Commission, and the respective Mayor of each county.  
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