
HOUSE 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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28 WHEREAS, when project costs rise because of delays, the
29 decision-making authority's initial cost-benefit analysis may
30 become invalid; and



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

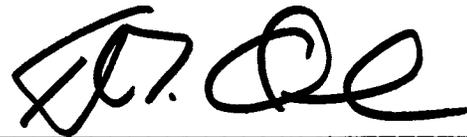
BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, in coordination with the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Budget and Finance, Department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

- (1) Identify strategies to secure information regarding the costs incurred due to a delay in the performance of any project, whether public or private, that used public funds or public permits prior to the initial commencement of the project; and
- (2) Propose amendments to existing budget request forms or permit applications to facilitate sharing of the estimated costs associated with project delays with decision-making authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Comptroller, Director of Budget and Finance, Director of Transportation, Chair of the Land Use Commission, and the respective Mayor of each county.

OFFERED BY:



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