HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE INTERIM OF 2025

SIMPLIFYING PERMITTING FOR ENHANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SPEED) TASK FORCE

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AMENDED NOTICE OF MEETING

The Conference Room has been changed from room 309 to room 325.

DATE: Thursday, September 11, 2025

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Conference Room 309 325

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AGENDA

The Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) Task Force was created by Act 133 (SLH 2025) and House Concurrent Resolution No. 157 to identity actions taken, challenges encountered, and legislative measures necessary to facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state and intergovernmental development permit processes.

Information and documents related to the Task Force are available here: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/legislature/specialcommittee.aspx?comm=STF&year=2025.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT ON SPEED TASK FORCE ORIENTATIONS

The Chair will report to the Task Force on the SPEED Task Force orientation presentations delivered to stakeholder groups statewide, highlighting outreach efforts for permitting reform.

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2. PRESENTATION BY COUNTY OF KAUAI ON BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS OVERVIEW

The County of Kauai will present an overview of its current building permitting process, providing a step-by-step explanation from application to final approval. The presentation will help the task force understand the different experiences and requirements that new homeowners, family businesses, residential developers, and commercial developers encounter when undertaking new builds, renovations, or conversions. This overview aims to identify common challenges, workflow structures, and opportunities for improvement. The presentation will be followed by a Question and Answer (Q&A) session, allowing task force members to engage directly with County officials and gain deeper insight into their permitting system.

3. PRESENTATION BY COUNTY OF HAWAII ON BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS OVERVIEW

The County of Hawaii will present an overview of its current building permitting process, providing a step-by-step explanation from application to final approval. The presentation will help the task force understand the different experiences and requirements that new homeowners, family businesses, residential developers, and commercial developers encounter when undertaking new builds, renovations, or conversions. This overview aims to identify common challenges, workflow structures, and opportunities for improvement. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session, allowing task force members to engage directly with County officials and gain deeper insight into their permitting system.

4. PRESENTATION BY COUNTY OF MAUI ON BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS OVERVIEW

The County of Maui will present an overview of its current building permitting process, providing a step-by-step explanation from application to final approval. The presentation will help the task force understand the different experiences and requirements that new homeowners, family businesses, residential developers, and commercial developers encounter when undertaking new builds, renovations, or conversions. This overview aims to identify common challenges, workflow structures, and opportunities for improvement. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session, allowing task force members to engage directly with County officials and gain deeper insight into their permitting system.

5. PRESENTATION BY CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ON BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS OVERVIEW

The City and County of Honolulu (City) will present an overview of its current building permitting process, providing a step-by-step explanation from application to final approval. The presentation will help the task force understand the different experiences and requirements that new homeowners, family businesses, residential developers, and commercial developers encounter when undertaking new builds, renovations, or conversions. This overview aims to identify common challenges, workflow structures, and opportunities for improvement. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session, allowing task force members to engage directly with City officials and gain deeper insight into their permitting system.

6. PRESENTATION BY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION (SHPD) ON CHAPTER 6E: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMPLIANCE OVERVIEW

The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) will provide an overview of the historic preservation compliance process under Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) (Chapter 6E), outlining the steps required to ensure alignment with Hawaii's preservation laws. The presentation will cover how Chapter 6E applies to new homeowners, family businesses, residential developers, and commercial developers during projects involving new construction, renovations, or conversions. SHPD will explain the role of archaeological inventory surveys, review timelines, and coordinate with other agencies. This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session to give task force members the opportunity to better understand compliance challenges and opportunities for improvement within the permitting process.

7. PRESENTATION BY WASTEWATER BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM (IWS) PERMIT PROCESS OVERVIEW

The Wastewater Branch under the Department of Health will present an overview of the Individual Wastewater System (IWS) permit process. The presentation will walk through the permitting steps required for new homeowners, family businesses, residential developers, and commercial developers, particularly for new builds, renovations, or conversions that involve onsite wastewater systems. The overview will highlight review criteria, common delays, and coordination requirements with other agencies. This will be followed by a Q&A session to allow task force members to ask questions and explore areas for improving the efficiency and clarity of the IWS permitting process.

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUPS (PIGS)

The task force will establish three Permitted Interaction Groups (PIGs) to focus on specific areas of the permitting process: 1) the Building Permit PIG, 2) the Chapter 6E Compliance PIG, and 3) the IWS Permit PIG. Each PIG will be responsible for investigating and developing a list of recommendations to present to the full task force. The scope of the investigation and the scope of each member's authority for each PIG will be defined. Members are encouraged to indicate their interest in joining one or more of these PIGs during the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ways to Participate	 Signup to provide oral testimony: Click Here The public may provide oral testimony in person or remotely via Zoom and are encouraged to sign up by 8:00 a.m. September 11, 2025. Those who may not have access to the internet or internet-connected devices may testify remotely utilizing the free public WiFi and computers at each of the State's public libraries and the bookmobile during operating hours. Please contact your local State public library for details. Members of the public are solely responsible for ensuring their connectivity at the date and time of the public meeting. If attending the meeting in person, please note all visitors must go through a security checkpoint at the State Capitol Building. Photo ID is required for entrance. Written testimony may be submitted by email: STF@capitol.hawaii.gov The Task Force requests written testimony be received by 4:30 p.m., September 9, 2025, so it may be distributed to the Task Force members prior to the meeting. Every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received after this date, but materials received on the day of the meeting or improperly identified or directed may not be processed. Written testimony should be clearly labelled with the testifier's name and the appropriate agenda item. Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony. When submitting public testimony via email, include "Public Testimony" in the subject line. 	
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