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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UTILITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 54, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
designated and to read as follows:

**"§54- Service availability for residential dwellings.**

(a) The board of water supply shall publish on its website  
geographic information systems reference maps of its service  
areas that:

(1) Reflect the availability of domestic water service for  
new residential dwelling construction or expansions of  
existing residential dwellings in residentially zoned  
areas;

(2) Include with specificity any limitations to the  
availability of domestic water service as a result of  
source, storage, or distribution deficiency; and

(3) Include sufficient supporting analysis explaining the  
deficiency or other limitation in paragraph (2) that  
disallows a service connection.



1        (b) The maps shall be published on the website of the  
2        board of water supply no later than July 1, 2027, and updated  
3        not less than annually thereafter.

4        (c) If a parcel owner disagrees with any map or analysis  
5        published by the board of water supply, the parcel owner may  
6        appeal the decision under section 91-9. Each parcel  
7        determination shall be considered an agency decision for  
8        purposes of chapter 91.

9        (d) Residential building permit applicants and related  
10       permitting agencies may rely upon the most recent applicable  
11       map."

12       SECTION 2. Chapter 54, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
13       by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately  
14       designated and to read as follows:

15       **"§54-       Service availability for residential dwellings.**

16       (a) The board of water supply shall publish on its website  
17       geographic information systems reference maps of its service  
18       areas that:

19       (1) Reflect the availability of domestic water service for  
20       new residential dwelling construction or expansions of



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2           areas;

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4           availability of domestic water service as a result of  
5           source, storage, or distribution deficiency; and  
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16          purposes of chapter 91.

17          (d) Residential building permit applicants and related  
18          permitting agencies may rely upon the most recent applicable  
19          map."



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# H.B. NO. 1923

**Report Title:**

Residential Utilities; Public Disclosure; Building Permitting;  
County Boards of Water Supply

**Description:**

Requires county boards of water supply to publicly disclose through its website service connection availability for residential permitting and construction.

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