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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:

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

4 "§54- Service availability for residential dwellings.

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

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

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

15 (3) Include sufficient supporting analysis explaining the
16 deficiency or other limitation in paragraph (2) that
17 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



1 existing residential dwellings in residentially zoned
2 areas;

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

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

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

12 (c) If a parcel owner disagrees with any map or analysis
13 published by the board of water supply, the parcel owner may
14 appeal the decision under section 91-9. Each parcel
15 determination shall be considered an agency decision for
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."



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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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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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