
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 reference maps of its service areas that:

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

11 (2) Include general descriptions of broad geographic zones
12 with any limitations to the availability of domestic
13 water service as a result of source, storage, or
14 distribution deficiency, including the board's present
15 inventory of owed but unfulfilled, unconstructed, or
16 incomplete developer-funded improvements; provided



1 that parcel-by-parcel information shall not be
2 required on the reference maps; and

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

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

9 (c) The board of water supply may include a disclaimer
10 that any reference map is preliminary and shall not be the
11 actual permit determination on water availability."

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 reference maps of its service areas that:

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



1 (2) Include general descriptions of broad geographic zones
2 with any limitations to the availability of domestic
3 water service as a result of source, storage, or
4 distribution deficiency, including the board's present
5 inventory of owed but unfulfilled, unconstructed, or
6 incomplete developer-funded improvements; provided
7 that parcel-by-parcel information shall not be
8 required on the reference maps; and

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

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

15 (c) The board of water supply may include a disclaimer
16 that any reference map is preliminary and shall not be the
17 actual permit determination on water availability."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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S.D. 2

Report Title:

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

Description:

Requires county boards of water supply to publicly disclose through their websites general information of service connection availability for residential permitting and construction. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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