

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 19**, 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2673  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2673, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require each county to host and maintain on its website a publicly accessible dataset of all building and civil engineering permit applications administered by the county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services and Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui.

Your Committee finds that establishing uniform data sets is a vital step toward enabling accurate comparisons between jurisdictions and fostering evidence-based decision-making. By creating a transparent and consistent data environment, the State can more effectively identify and address systemic bottlenecks in the permitting process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2673, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2673, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,

  
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MARK J. NASHEM, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <b>SB 2673, SD1</b>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <b>WAL, FIN</b>	<b>Date:</b> <b>3/17/26</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. <b>HASHEM, Mark J. (C)</b>	✓			
2. <b>MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)</b>	✓			
3. <b>BELATTI, Della Au</b>				✓
4. <b>ICHIYAMA, Linda</b>	✓			
5. <b>IWAMOTO, Kim Coco</b>	✓			
6. <b>POEPOE, Mahina</b>	✓			
7. <b>WOODSON, Justin H.</b>				✓
8. <b>SHIMIZU, Garner M.</b>	✓			
9. <b>SOUZA, Kanani</b>	✓			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____				
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