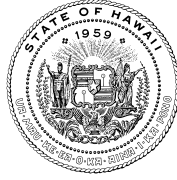


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FEBRUARY 3, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
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S.B. 2811

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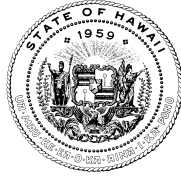
Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2811.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers in **support** of S.B. 2064, which will establish the State Building Process Task Force to evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and legislative actions necessary to establish a state building permit review office for state projects located on state-owned lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026 AT 3:00PM IN CR 225

SB 2811, RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS

February 3, 2026

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **supports** this bill which 1) establishes the State Building Process Task Force to evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and legislative actions necessary to establish a state building permit review office for state projects located on state-owned lands and 2) appropriates funds.

DHHL appreciates the inclusion of one member from DHHL for the State Building Process Task Force to be appointed no later than August 15, 2026 and which shall dissolve on June 30, 2028. DHHL currently benefits from the Governor's Emergency Proclamations Relating to Affordable Housing and Homelessness and this task force will allow DHHL to make a concentrated effort to evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and legislative actions necessary to establish a state building permit review office for state projects located on state-owned lands with the other members of the task force.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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Statement of
CRAIG K. NAKAMOTO
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Hawai'i Community Development Authority
before the
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Tuesday, February 3, 2026
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

In consideration of
SB 2811
RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports SB 2811**, which establishes a task force within the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to evaluate the feasibility of creating a state building permit review office only for state projects on state land.

By way of background, HCDA is developing four affordable housing projects within its Kaka'ako Community Development District and may, in the future, undertake similar projects outside of its designated community development districts.

Building permit review and approval is one of the many regulatory hurdles in real estate development. When the state, either directly or through qualified developers, undertakes projects that benefit the state, including building affordable housing, delays in the existing county permitting process can result in increased costs and postponed delivery of much-needed public facilities and housing.

SB 2811 would convene a task force to examine whether a centralized state building permit office within DAGS could improve efficiency for state projects on state lands. Such an office has the potential to expedite permit review and approvals while providing a single point of responsibility and accountability for state projects on state lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure.