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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 maps  
6 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 proposed for at least  
10           one to four housing units per parcel in residentially  
11           zoned areas;

12           (2) Include general descriptions regarding any limitations  
13           to the availability of domestic water service as a  
14           result of source, storage, or distribution deficiency;  
15           provided that:

16           (A) Parcel-by-parcel information shall not be  
17           required;



1           (B) Utility assets shall not need to be specified;  
2           and  
3           (C) Geographically identified areas shall be  
4           consistent with the detail in general plan maps  
5           developed under section 46-4; 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 January 1, 2029, and updated  
11          no less than annually thereafter.  
12          (c) The board of water supply may add a disclaimer stating  
13          that the map data is preliminary and is not the actual permit  
14          determination on water availability.  
15          (d) For parcel owners where maps identify water  
16          availability, the board of water supply shall create a process  
17          on its website to request a conditional clearance based on maps  
18          confirming that water is available for a parcel. Any clearance  
19          positively confirming water service shall be honored if a  
20          building permit is submitted by the parcel owner within at least  
21          ninety days of board determination.



1        (e) The board of water supply may adopt rules pursuant to  
2 chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section."

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

6        "§54-        Service availability for residential dwellings.

7        (a) The board of water supply shall publish on its website maps  
8 of its service areas that:

9        (1) Reflect the availability of domestic water service for  
10 new residential dwelling construction or expansions of  
11 existing residential dwellings proposed for at least  
12 one to four housing units per parcel in residentially  
13 zoned areas;

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15 to the availability of domestic water service as a  
16 result of source, storage, or distribution deficiency;  
17 provided that:

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21           chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section."



- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**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 website service connection availability for  
residential permitting and construction. Effective 7/1/3000.  
(HD1)

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