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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the office of  
2 the comptroller a five-year office of the state construction  
3 manager pilot program, which shall be headed by a full-time  
4 state construction manager, to provide guidance and  
5 recommendations on the design review of state construction  
6 projects pursuant to this section. The state construction  
7 manager shall be hired by the comptroller without regard to  
8 chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and report to the  
9 comptroller.

10           (b) To be eligible to serve in the position of state  
11 construction manager, an individual shall have held a valid  
12 license under chapter 464, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for at least  
13 five years immediately preceding the date of hire.

14           (c) The state construction manager shall not engage in the  
15 private practice of professional construction management or  
16 serve in a managing capacity in any private business or  
17 enterprise.



1 (d) The salary of the state construction manager shall be  
2 established by the comptroller.

3 (e) The office of the state construction manager shall  
4 provide guidance and recommendations on the design review of  
5 state construction projects administered by the department of  
6 accounting and general services and the department of education.  
7 The office of the state construction manager shall:

8 (1) Review all plans, drawings, specifications, and any  
9 other documents necessary for state construction  
10 projects, and ensure the final plans, drawings,  
11 specifications, and other documents reviewed are  
12 submitted to the disability and communication access  
13 board for review to ensure compliance with any  
14 applicable accessibility laws as required under  
15 section 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that  
16 any changes to the final plans, drawings,  
17 specifications, or other documents shall require  
18 resubmittal to the disability and communication access  
19 board for review;

20 (2) Provide exclusive centralized design review services  
21 for state construction projects;



- 1           (3) Assign an inspector to each state construction project  
2                   for the purpose of observing the construction work;  
3                   and  
4           (4) Assign employees to the:  
5                   (A) Department of public works of the county of  
6                               Hawaii;  
7                   (B) Department of public works of the county of  
8                               Kauai;  
9                   (C) Department of public works of the county of Maui;  
10                               and  
11                   (D) Department of planning and permitting of the city  
12                               and county of Honolulu,  
13                   who shall have the sole responsibility of reviewing  
14                               and approving permit applications submitted for state  
15                               construction projects administered by the department  
16                               of accounting and general services and the department  
17                               of education. The county agencies under this  
18                               paragraph shall not assign any other work to these  
19                               employees.  
20           (f) The cost of all design review services performed by  
21                   the office of the state construction manager for a state agency



1 shall be determined by the comptroller, in consultation with the  
2 state construction manager.

3 (g) All fees collected pursuant to subsection (f) shall be  
4 deposited with the comptroller to the credit of the design  
5 review special fund established by subsection (h).

6 (h) There is established in the state treasury the design  
7 review special fund to be administered and expended by the  
8 comptroller for the purposes of this Act, into which shall be  
9 deposited:

- 10 (1) Fees collected for services provided to state agencies  
11 pursuant to this section;
- 12 (2) Appropriations made by the legislature to the special  
13 fund; and
- 14 (3) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special  
15 fund.

16 Moneys remaining on balance in the design review special  
17 fund at the close of each fiscal year shall remain in the  
18 special fund and shall not lapse to the credit of the state  
19 general fund until after the dissolution of the office of the  
20 state construction manager pilot program.



1 (i) No later than December 31, 2027, the comptroller, in  
2 consultation with the state construction manager, shall adopt  
3 rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section.

4 (j) The office of the state construction manager shall  
5 prepare and submit an annual report on the office of the state  
6 construction manager pilot program to the governor and  
7 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
8 the regular sessions of 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, and 2031. The  
9 report shall include:

10 (1) A summary describing the activities of the office of  
11 the state construction manager, including but not  
12 limited to a list and description of each state  
13 construction project that received a design review  
14 during the preceding fiscal year;

15 (2) A financial report on the status of the design review  
16 special fund established by subsection (h);

17 (3) An assessment of whether the pilot program should be  
18 extended; and

19 (4) Other findings and recommendations, including any  
20 proposed legislation.



1 (k). The office of the state construction manager pilot  
2 program shall be dissolved on June 30, 2031.

3 (l) For the purposes of this section:

4 "State agency" means the department of accounting and  
5 general services and the department of education.

6 "State construction project" means any undertaking of work  
7 or improvement of state lands or any interest therein,  
8 developed, acquired, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated,  
9 improved, altered, or repaired by a state agency.

10 "State lands" means all lands owned by the State through  
11 any state agency.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
15 the implementation of the office of the state construction  
16 manager pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this  
17 Act, including the establishment of:

18 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) state construction  
19 manager position within the office of the comptroller;  
20 and



1 (2) full-time equivalent ( FTE) positions  
2 within the office of the state construction manager,  
3 including full-time equivalent ( FTE)  
4 positions to be assigned to the:

5 (A) Department of public works of the county of  
6 Hawaii;

7 (B) Department of public works of the county of  
8 Kauai;

9 (C) Department of public works of the county of Maui;  
10 and

11 (D) Department of planning and permitting of the city  
12 and county of Honolulu.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
14 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DAGS; DOE; Office of the State Construction Manager; Pilot Program; Design Review Special Fund; Positions; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a five-year Office of the State Construction Manager Pilot Program to provide guidance and recommendations on the design review of state construction projects administered by the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Education. Requires the Office to assign employees to the certain county agencies to review and approve permit applications under the Pilot Program. Establishes the Design Review Special Fund. Appropriates funds for the Pilot Program and necessary positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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