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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) Except as provided in subsection (f), the office of  
4 the state construction manager shall provide guidance and  
5 recommendations on the design review of state construction  
6 projects with an estimated design value of \$2,000,000 or more  
7 administered by the department of accounting and general  
8 services and the department of education. The office of the  
9 state construction manager shall:

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



- 1           (2) Provide exclusive centralized design review services  
2           for state construction projects subject to this  
3           section;
- 4           (3) Assign an inspector to each eligible state  
5           construction project for the purpose of observing the  
6           construction work; and
- 7           (4) Assign employees to the:
- 8           (A) Department of public works of the county of  
9           Hawaii;
- 10           (B) Department of public works of the county of  
11           Kauai;
- 12           (C) Department of public works of the county of Maui;  
13           and
- 14           (D) Department of planning and permitting of the city  
15           and county of Honolulu,
- 16           who shall have the sole responsibility of reviewing  
17           and approving permit applications submitted for state  
18           construction projects administered by the department  
19           of accounting and general services and the department  
20           of education. The county agencies under this



1 paragraph shall not assign any other work to these  
2 employees.

3 (f) The department of education may opt into the pilot  
4 program for specific complex projects and shall not be required  
5 to subject all of its capital improvement projects to the review  
6 process set forth in subsection (e).

7 (g) The cost of all design review services performed by  
8 the office of the state construction manager for a state agency  
9 shall be determined by the comptroller, in consultation with the  
10 state construction manager.

11 (h) All expenses collected pursuant to subsection (g)  
12 shall be deposited with the comptroller to the credit of the  
13 design review special fund established by subsection (i).

14 (i) There is established in the state treasury the design  
15 review special fund to be administered and expended by the  
16 comptroller for the purposes of this Act, into which shall be  
17 deposited:

18 (1) Fees collected for services provided to state agencies  
19 pursuant to this section;

20 (2) Appropriations made by the legislature to the special  
21 fund; and



1 (3) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special  
2 fund.

3 Moneys remaining on balance in the design review special  
4 fund at the close of each fiscal year shall remain in the  
5 special fund and shall not lapse to the credit of the state  
6 general fund until after the dissolution of the office of the  
7 state construction manager pilot program.

8 No funds appropriated to the department of education for  
9 operating expenses or capital improvements shall be diverted or  
10 used to finance or support the design review special fund.

11 (j) No later than December 31, 2027, the comptroller, in  
12 consultation with the state construction manager, shall adopt  
13 rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
14 implement this section.

15 (k) The office of the state construction manager shall  
16 prepare and submit an annual report on the office of the state  
17 construction manager pilot program to the governor and  
18 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
19 the regular sessions of 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, and 2031. The  
20 report shall include:



1 (1) A summary describing the activities of the office of  
2 the state construction manager, including but not  
3 limited to a list and description of each state  
4 construction project that received a design review  
5 during the preceding fiscal year;

6 (2) A financial report on the status of the design review  
7 special fund established by subsection (i);

8 (3) An assessment of whether the pilot program should be  
9 extended; and

10 (4) Other findings and recommendations, including any  
11 proposed legislation.

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

14 (m) As used in this section:

15 "State agency" means the department of accounting and  
16 general services and the department of education.

17 "State construction project" means any undertaking of work  
18 or improvement of state lands or any interest therein,  
19 developed, acquired, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated,  
20 improved, altered, or repaired by a state agency.



1 "State lands" means all lands owned by the State through  
2 any state agency.

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

9 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) state construction  
10 manager position within the office of the comptroller;  
11 and

12 (2) full-time equivalent ( FTE) positions  
13 within the office of the state construction manager,  
14 including full-time equivalent ( FTE)  
15 positions to be assigned to the:

16 (A) Department of public works of the county of  
17 Hawaii;

18 (B) Department of public works of the county of  
19 Kauai;

20 (C) Department of public works of the county of Maui;  
21 and



1 (D) Department of planning and permitting of the city  
2 and county of Honolulu.

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

5 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 certain 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. (HD2)

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