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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established, within the  
2 department of accounting and general services for administrative  
3 purposes only, the state building permit process task force to  
4 evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and legislative actions  
5 necessary to establish a state building permit review office for  
6 state projects located on state-owned lands. To expedite the  
7 construction of state projects, the task force shall develop a  
8 building permit review process with the following functions for  
9 the building of state projects on state-owned lands:

10           (1) Processing, reviewing, and approving building permit  
11           applications;

12           (2) Coordinating and processing associated reviews,  
13           approvals, and documentation among state and county  
14           agencies and utility companies, as necessary;

15           (3) Conducting inspections and undertaking permit  
16           enforcement actions;

17           (4) Maintaining building permit records; and



1 (5) Other actions as necessary to effectuate these  
2 functions;  
3 provided that any recommendations developed by the task force  
4 shall comply with and reflect the requirements under section  
5 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 (b) The comptroller shall appoint eighteen members as  
7 follows to serve on the task force:

- 8 (1) One member from the office of the governor;  
9 (2) One member from the senate;  
10 (3) One member from the house of representatives;  
11 (4) One member from the department of accounting and  
12 general services;  
13 (5) One member from the department of business, economic  
14 development, and tourism;  
15 (6) One member from the department of land and natural  
16 resources;  
17 (7) One member from the department of transportation;  
18 (8) One member from the department of Hawaiian home lands;  
19 (9) One member from the department of education;  
20 (10) One member from the Hawaii community development  
21 authority;



- 1           (11) One member from the Hawaii housing finance and
- 2                   development corporation;
- 3           (12) One member from the Hawaii public housing authority;
- 4           (13) One member from the office of planning and sustainable
- 5                   development;
- 6           (14) One member from the state building code council; and
- 7           (15) One member from the permitting department of each
- 8                   county.

9           (c) The members of the task force shall be appointed no  
10 later than August 15, 2026.

11           (d) The members of the task force shall serve without  
12 compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for  
13 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred while  
14 participating in meetings and events. No member of the task  
15 force shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised  
16 Statutes, solely because of the member's participation in the  
17 task force.

18           (e) The department of accounting and general services  
19 shall provide administrative support to the task force.



1 (f) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
2 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
3 legislature no later than December 1, 2027.

4 (g) The task force shall dissolve on June 30, 2028.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
8 the staffing and administrative costs of the state building  
9 permit process task force established by section 1 of this Act.

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

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



**Report Title:**

DAGS; State Building Permit Process; Task Force; Report;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the State Building Permit Process Task Force within the Department of Accounting and General Services 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. Requires any processes or recommendations developed by the task force to comply with section 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Sunsets the State Building Permit Process Task Force on 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD2)

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