

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20, 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 177

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 177  
entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO CONVENE A COOPERATIVE  
WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS STATE PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE COUNTY  
PERMITTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of  
Accounting and General Services to convene a cooperative working  
group to address state projects that require county permitting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Office  
of Planning and Sustainable Development.

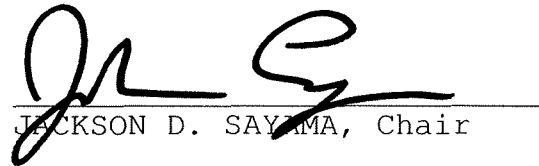
Your Committee finds that hundreds of state projects,  
totaling millions of dollars, face considerable delays in the  
county permit approval process, with the average approval length  
being approximately six hundred days. These extensive delays have  
significantly increased state costs due to inflation and are  
reported to be approximately six times longer than the average for  
private sector projects. Your Committee believes that  
establishing a cooperative working group focused exclusively on  
state projects will help identify systemic barriers, promote  
intergovernmental collaboration, and advance practical solutions



to expedite county permitting for state facilities and infrastructure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 177 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor,

  
JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair



