

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3433

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2026

RE: S.R. No. 172

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.R. No. 172 entitled:

"SENATE 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 and intent 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.

Your Committee finds that a majority of state building projects submitted to county permitting departments experience significant delays in the permit approval process, making project costs for these projects increase due to inflation and directly affecting the thousands of jobs they support. Your Committee notes that it takes approximately six times longer for the average public sector building permit to be approved than the average private sector permit. Therefore, this measure seeks to understand and resolve the obstacles confronting state projects at county permitting departments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 172 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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