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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senate Bill 2811 Senate Draft 1 – Relating to State Building Projects

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) offers comments on Senate Bill 2811 Senate Draft 1 – Relating to State Building Projects. This bill 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. It requires a report to the Legislature. It appropriates funds. It sunsets the State Building Permit Process Task Force on 6/30/2028 and is effective 7/1/2525.

The following applies to the construction of buildings or facilities of the state and county governments: Hawaii Revised Statutes §103-50, "Building design to consider needs of persons with disabilities; review fees. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all plans and specifications for the construction of public buildings, facilities, and sites shall be prepared so that the buildings, facilities, and sites are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. The buildings, facilities, and sites shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1191, and the requirements of the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, as established in Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 100, Subpart D, as adopted and amended by the disability and communication access board under chapter 348F.

(b) All state and county agencies subject to this section shall seek advice and recommendations from the disability and communication access board on any construction plans prior to commencing with construction."

We urge that any recommendations the task force develops reflect the requirements under Hawaii Revised Statutes §103-50.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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Statement of
CRAIG K. NAKAMOTO
Executive Director
Hawai'i Community Development Authority
before the
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
10:31 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
SB 2811, SD1
RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS.

Chairperson Dela Cruz, Vice Chairperson Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee. The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports** SB 2811, SD 1, which establishes a task force within the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to evaluate the feasibility of creating a state building permit review office only for state projects on state land. It appropriates funds, and sunsets on June 30, 2028.

By way of background, HCDA is developing four affordable housing projects within its Kaka'ako Community Development District and may, in the future, undertake similar projects outside of its designated community development districts.

Building permit review and approval is one of the many regulatory hurdles in real estate development. When the state, either directly or through qualified developers, undertakes projects that benefit the state, including building affordable housing, delays in the existing county permitting process can result in increased costs and postponed delivery of much-needed public facilities and housing.

This measure would convene a task force to examine whether a centralized state building permit office within DAGS could improve efficiency for state projects on state lands. Such an office has the potential to expedite permit review and approvals while

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providing a single point of responsibility and accountability for state projects on state lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MARCH 4, 2026, 10:31 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 2811, S.D. 1

RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2811, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) offers its testimony in **support** of S.B. 2811, S.D. 1, which will establish the State Building Permit Process Task Force 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

SB-2811-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/3/2026 8:36:52 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/4/2026 10:31:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against SB 2811. It's a waste of taxpayer money and dangerously opens the to corruption and abuse.

We need to do the right things in the right way. SB 2811 is not Pono.

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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIR
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS
ON MARCH 4, 2026 AT 10:31AM IN CR 211

SB2811, SD1, RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS

March 4, 2026

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **supports** this bill which 1) 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, 2) requires a report to the Legislature, 3) appropriates funds, and 4) sunsets the State Building Permit Process Task Force on 6/30/2028.

DHHL appreciates the inclusion of one member from DHHL for the State Building Process Task Force to be appointed no later than August 15, 2026 and which shall dissolve on June 30, 2028. DHHL currently benefits from the Governor's Emergency Proclamations Relating to Affordable Housing and Homelessness and this task force will allow DHHL to make a concentrated effort 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 with the other members of the task force.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.