

ACT 133

H.B. NO. 1406

A Bill for an Act Relating to Government Procedures.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. (a) There shall be established within the house of representatives the Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) task force to identify actions taken, challenges encountered, and legislative measures necessary to facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state and inter-governmental development permit processes.

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one member of the house of representatives to serve as chairperson of the task force.

(c) The membership of the task force shall include representatives of the following bodies, to be designated by the body's head or, in the case of a board or commission, by the chairperson:

- (1) The office of the governor;
- (2) The Hawaii state senate;
- (3) The department of business, economic development, and tourism;

- (4) The commission on water resource management of the department of land and natural resources;
 - (5) The Hawaii community development authority;
 - (6) The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation;
 - (7) The land use commission;
 - (8) The office of planning and sustainable development;
 - (9) The Hawaii state energy office;
 - (10) The public utilities commission;
 - (11) The small business regulatory review board;
 - (12) The state historic preservation division of the department of land and natural resources;
 - (13) The wastewater branch of the department of health; and
 - (14) The state building code council of the department of accounting and general services.
- (d) The task force shall invite the following individuals to participate in the task force:
- (1) Representatives from each of the offices of the State's Congressional delegation;
 - (2) Representatives from each of the county planning and permitting departments; and
 - (3) An individual having knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of labor.
- (e) Members shall be designated no later than August 1, 2025.
- (f) The task force shall hold its first meeting no later than sixty days after the finalization of its members or October 1, 2025, whichever is earlier.
- (g) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation for their service on the task force.
- (h) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2027.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the staffing and administrative costs of the Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) task force.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of planning and sustainable development for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

(Approved May 29, 2025.)