

Relating To Permitting.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 11, 2026): Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on WAL with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Holt excused (1).

Summary

This bill requires funding for an AI-assisted pre-compliance intake pilot platform for permitting, in collaboration with a selected county, while preserving human service.

Business Impact

If you operate in Hawaii and require permits for single-family homes, you must prepare for new AI-assisted processes by 2026 or face delays.

Key Provisions

- Develop an AI-assisted pre-compliance intake pilot platform for permitting.
- Focus on single-family home projects.
- Screen applications for completeness and validate zoning information.
- Provide guidance to applicants through an interactive chat while preserving human service.
- Require matching funds from the selected county.
- Develop metrics to measure the pilot platform's success.

Compliance Checklist

- Develop the AI-assisted pilot platform | Who: Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and selected county | Penalty: No specified penalties, but delays in permitting may occur.
- Provide matching funds for the project | Who: Selected county | Penalty: No funds will be available under this Act without matching funds.

Industries Affected

Bill Sponsors

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Related Bills

- SB2908 (HI)

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