

Relating To Permitting.

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Mar 20, 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) Quinlan excused (1).

Summary

This bill mandates the creation of an AI-assisted pre-compliance intake pilot platform for permitting, funded by the state and a selected county.

Business Impact

If you operate in permitting processes in Hawaii, you must prepare for potential changes due to the AI-assisted platform by 2050.

Key Provisions

- Development of an AI-assisted pre-compliance intake pilot platform for permitting.
- Collaboration with a selected county for implementation.
- Focus on single-family home projects.
- Screen applications for completeness and route them to relevant agencies.
- Development of success metrics for the pilot platform.
- Matching funds requirement from the selected county.

Compliance Checklist

- Develop an AI-assisted pre-compliance intake platform | Who: Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism | Penalty: No specified penalties for non-compliance.
- Provide matching funds for the pilot program | Who: Selected county | Penalty: No specified penalties for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Glenn Wakai	D	Sponsor
Stanley Chang	D	Sponsor
Jarrett Keohokalole	D	Sponsor
Sharon Moriwaki	D	Sponsor
Tim Richards	D	Sponsor
Joy San Buenaventura	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-03-03	Senate Ways and Means: Passed, Unamended	12	0	Passed
2026-02-12	Senate Economic Development and Technology: Passed	4	0	Passed
2026-02-12	Senate Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs: Passe	3	0	Passed

Related Bills

- HB1968 (HI)

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