

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

156

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1213  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1213 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERMITTING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the county agency receiving an application for a building permit for a project to convene an informational meeting of the applicant and representatives of each state and county agency that will review the permit application to expedite the permitting process.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one county department.

Your Committees find that an applicant for a building permit must submit an application to each agency that has jurisdiction over an aspect of the project. Many times, this means that an applicant must wait for approval from one agency before submitting an application to another agency to approve another aspect of the project. At times, an agency may decline to approve an aspect of a project that was approved by another agency that reviewed an application related to the project. Your Committees further find that the permitting process may be unduly burdensome to some businesses, particularly small businesses that cannot afford the costs of obtaining approvals that are often overlapping and duplicative.

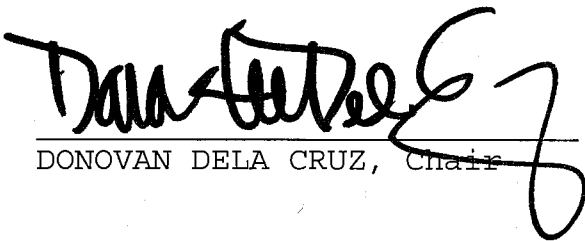



Your Committees note the initiative of President Obama to require federal agencies to "tailor" their regulations in a way that imposes the least amount of costs to the economy while achieving their objectives. Your Committees believe a similar approach should be undertaken in Hawaii.

Your Committees have amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting provisions to establish a temporary task force to be headed by the Comptroller to review and amend or repeal state and county rules, particularly those regarding county building permits, that may impose burdensome or unnecessary costs to businesses of all sizes but especially smaller businesses.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1213, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1213, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety,  
Government Operations, and  
Military Affairs and Water,  
Land, and Housing,

  
DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, Chair

  
WILL ESPERO, Chair



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**Military Affairs**  
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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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**WLH**

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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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