BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS,

SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs State of Hawaii

AGENDA

- **DATE:** Thursday, February 6, 2024
- **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

IN-PERSON	King Kalakaua Conference Room	
MEETING	King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor	
LOCATION:	335 Merchant Street	
	Honolulu, Hawaii 96813	

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- 1. Establish Quorum, Public Notice, Call to Order, HRS §92-3 Open Meetings and HAR §16-115-11 Oral testimony
- 2. Approval of the Open Session and Executive Session Minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting

The Board may move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(1) and (4) "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure;" and "To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities."

- 3. New Business
 - a. Inquiry from Hugh Ono, Director of the County of Hawaii Department of Public Works, regarding stamp approvals on building permits
 - Inquiry from John Ritchey, Hawaii licensed structural engineer, regarding overlapping practice of licensed architects and structural engineers in Maui County
- 4. 2025 Legislative Session
 - a. Legislation Discussion

The Board will discuss its positions on EALSA-related bills introduced for the 2025 Legislative Session. See attached list of bills.

5. Applications

The Board may move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(1) and (4) "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure;" and "To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities," (Board will vote in Open Meeting).

- a. Ratification Lists (attached to the agenda)
- b. Recommendations from the following Application Review Committees (attached to the agenda):
 - 1) Professional Engineer Committee
 - 2) Professional Architect Committee
 - 3) Professional Surveyor Committee
 - 4) Professional Landscape Architect Committee
- c. Engineers
 - 1) Kenneth Bousquet
 - 2) Samuel Flinkstrom
 - 3) Brian Peterson
- d. Architects
 - 1) Jason Mitchell
- 6. Executive Officer's Report
 - a. Update on EASLA architect licensee audit of continuing education requirements

Pursuant to HRS §464-9, all EASLA licenses must be renewed by April 30 of every even-numbered year. Pursuant to HRS §464-9(d), all architect licensees must additionally meet the Board's continuing education ("CE") requirements for

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renewal, and the Board shall randomly audit architect licensees for compliance with the CE requirement after renewal.

The deadline for audited licensees to respond has passed. The audit has now concluded of 110 randomly audited licensees. Those found not compliant will be referred to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"), which has investigatory authority within the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs' ("DCCA").

b. Update on the number of current EASLA licenses

The Professional and Vocational Licensing ("PVL") division releases an annual geographic report of all PVL Boards and Programs sorted by license type and island/mainland/foreign geographic residence of licensees. The full report is current as of September 2024 and is available on the PVL website at: <u>https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/reports/</u>

- 7.
 Next Meeting:
 Date:
 March 6, 2025 Special Legislative Meeting

 Time:
 10:00 a.m.

 Location:
 King Kalakaua Conference Room

 King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor

 335 Merchant Street

 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- 8. Adjournment

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2025 EASLA-Related Legislation

BILL	MEASURE TITLE	REPORT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT REFERRAL	INTRODUCER(S)	STATUS
SB 74	RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	Governor; DAGS; Office of the State Architect; State Architect; State Construction Projects; Design Approvals; Design Review Special Fund; County Building Permit, Inspection, and Certificate of Occupancy Requirements;	Establishes the Office of the State Architect within the Department of Accounting and General Services to be headed by the State Architect. Authorizes the State Architect to organize, manage, and oversee the design review of all state construction projects and issue design approvals. Establishes the Design Review Special Fund. Requires the State Architect to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature. Authorizes DAGS to provide centralized design review services for state construction projects and issue design approvals through the State Architect. Exempts state construction projects from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements, subject to certain conditions. Makes appropriations.	gvo/eig, wam/jdc	Chang, Fevella	Referred to committee
SB 66	RELATING TO HOUSING	Review Time Limits; Code	Requires counties to grant building permits within 60 days if the application is stamped and certified by a licensed engineer and architect and other certain conditions are met.	HOU/EIG, JDC	Chang, Fevella, Gabbard, Hashimoto, San Buenaventura, Wakai	Referred to committee
SB 232	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY	Solar Distributed Energy Resource Systems; Building Permits; Online	Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real-time by 1/1/2026. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits in areas served by an investor- owned electric utility to adopt a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible.	EIG/GVO, CPN/WAM	Gabbard, Chang, San Buenaventura	Referred to committee
НВ124		of Repose	Establishes a ten year statute of repose for land surveyors, after which time a complaint for a civil action cannot be made.	СРС, ЈНА	Tarnas, Lamosao, Lee, Pierick, Poepoe, Tam	Referred to committee
НВ352	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY	Rise/No Impact Declaration	Authorizes certain state government entities to establish a self-certification process for behind-the-meter, customer-sited solar distributed energy resource systems and exempt the systems from the Federal Emergency Management Agency No-Rise/No- Impact declaration requirements under certain circumstances.	EEP, HSG, CPC	Lowen, Evslin, Grandienetti, Kusch, Marten, Perruso, Tam, Todd	Referred to committee
SB588	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY	Management Agency Flood Zone No-	Authorizes certain state government entities to establish a self-certification process for behind-the-meter, customer-sited solar distributed energy resource systems and exempt the systems from the Federal Emergency Management Agency No-Rise/No- Impact declaration requirements under certain circumstances.	EIG/GVO, CPN	Wakai, Chang, Fevella, McKelvey, San Buenaventura	Referred to committee

2025 EASLA-Related Legislation

SB701	RELATING TO	Solar Distributed Energy Resource Systems; Building Permits; Online Automated Permitting Platform; Self- Certification Process	Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real-time by 1/1/2026. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits in areas served by an investor- owned electric utility to adopt a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible.	EIG/GVO, CPN/WAM	Gabbard, Chang, Rhoads	Referred to committee
НВ284		Housing; Building Permits; Shot Clock; Minority Caucus Package	Requires counties to grant building permits within sixty days if the application is stamped and certified by a licensed engineer and architect and other certain conditions are met.	HSG, CPC, JHA	ALCOS, GARCIA, MATSUMOTO, MURAOKA, PIERICK, REYES ODA, SHIMIZU, WARD	Referred to committee
НВ971	RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION	Governor; DAGS; Office of the State Architect; State Architect; State Construction Projects; Design Approvals; Design Review Special Fund; County Building Permit, Inspection, and Certificate of Occupancy Requirements; Exemptions; Report; Appropriations	Establishes the Office of the State Architect within the Department of Accounting and General Services to be headed by the State Architect. Authorizes the State Architect to organize, manage, and oversee the design review of all state construction projects and issue design approvals. Establishes the Design Review Special Fund. Requires the State Architect to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature. Authorizes DAGS to provide centralized design review services for state construction projects and issue design approvals through the State Architect. Exempts state construction projects from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements, subject to certain conditions. Makes appropriations.	LAB, HSG, FIN	TAM, KUSCH, MARTEN, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TODD, Amato, Kila	Referred to committee
SB1506		Professional Land Surveyors; Statute of Repose	Establishes a statute of repose prohibiting the commencement of a civil action against a professional land surveyor if ten years has elapsed since the latter of the date of completion of a contract or final payment for land surveying work.		Kouchi	Introduced & pass first reading
SB1625		Landscape Architecture Licensing Requirements	Adopts a uniform standard for landscape architecture licensure developed by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.		MORIWAKI	Introduced



RAT List for February 6, 2025 EASLA Meeting

License Number	Licensee	Classification
PE-21275-0	John WH Lam	Electrical Engineer
PE-21276-0	Kamran Khosrovian Kermani	Electrical Engineer
PE-21277-0	Kyle Adam DeLabar	Structural Engineer
PE-21278-0	Steven Richard Pannone	Civil Engineer
PE-21279-0	Blake Charles Schatz	Structural Engineer
PE-21280-0	Will Andrew Lambert	Structural Engineer
PE-21281-0	Jeffrey Roger Diephuis	Structural Engineer
PE-21282-0	Taeho Um	Structural Engineer
PE-21283-0	Michael L Cannady	Electrical Engineer
PE-21284-0	Vaughn G Silar Jr	Electrical Engineer
PE-21285-0	Arun Sharma	Structural Engineer
PE-21289-0	Casimir Joseph Zalewski	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21290-0	Kevin Michael Standlee	Electrical Engineer
PE-21291-0	Seongyun Cho	Structural Engineer
PE-21292-0	Ashley Grace Tom	Civil Engineer
PE-21293-0	Matthew Raymond Matasci	Civil Engineer
PE-21294-0	Jerald Alan Schneider	Structural Engineer
PE-21295-0	Aniruddha Shashank Nene	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21296-0	Christopher John Williams	Electrical Engineer
PE-21298-0	Emmalee Morehead Hicks	Civil Engineer
PE-21299-0	Joe Dylan Robinson	Civil Engineer
PE-21301-0	Randy T. Silva	Electrical Engineer
PE-21303-0	Thomas William Raveney	Electrical Engineer
PE-21304-0	Scott Christian Bernth	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21307-0	Hung Ba Luong	Civil Engineer
PE-21308-0	Andrew E McCann	Structural Engineer
PE-21309-0	Elliot Devon Clausen	Structural Engineer
PE-21310-0	Barbara Frances Thunder	Civil Engineer
PE-21312-0	Taye Oluwafemi Ojo	Structural Engineer
PE-21313-0	Jalaleddin Fatemi	Civil Engineer
PE-21314-0	Timothy Ryan Phelan	Structural Engineer
PE-21315-0	Patrick K Moorhouse	Structural Engineer
PE-21316-0	Eric Fontenot	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21317-0	Clement M. Mikulich	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21318-0	Dennis R. Agapin	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21319-0	Tarek Tawfik	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21320-0	Trevor Michael Lefler	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21321-0	Gabriel Aidan Pina	Civil Engineer

PE-21324-0	Zakary David Bondy	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21326-0	Joshua Martin Louis Gusman	Civil Engineer
PE-21327-0	Kyle P Lebag	Civil Engineer
PE-21328-0	Jeffrey Scott Schalk	Structural Engineer
PE-21329-0	Joseph Peter Sinacori II	Civil Engineer
PE-21330-0	Alireza Ramezani	Civil Engineer
PE-21331-0	Donald Lee Tappendorf	Civil Engineer
PE-21332-0	Kenneth Lopaka Kim	Mechanical Engineer
PE-21333-0	George Amos Rolen	Electrical Engineer
PE-21334-0	Alicia Blaire Kamischke	Structural Engineer
PE-21335-0	Jeremiah John McMahon	Civil Engineer
PE-21336-0	Vladimir Diaz	Structural Engineer
PE-21338-0	Charlie Michael Severs	Civil Engineer
PE-21340-0	Alberto Hermoso Diaz	Structural Engineer
PE-21341-0	Seth Michael MacDonald	Civil Engineer
PE-21342-0	Mehrshad Mark Ketabdar	Structural Engineer
PE-21345-0	Brian Mark McGraw	Fire Protection Engineer
PE-21346-0	Guohui Zhang	Civil Engineer
PE-21347-0	Dylan Thomas Akio Fong	Civil Engineer
PE-21348-0	Brenden H Yamase	Civil Engineer
PE-21350-0	Micah Mitsuo Soga	Civil Engineer
PE-21351-0	Stephanie Ann Hamilton	Civil Engineer
PE-21356-0	Jose Carlos Ventura Alvarado	Civil Engineer
PE-21357-0	Jeffrey Ding	Civil Engineer
PE-21358-0	Matthew Christian Robinson	Civil Engineer
PE-21359-0	Matt Seiki Takane	Civil Engineer
AR-21271-0	Donna Anne Elliott	
AR-21272-0	Scott David Kuyper	
AR-21273-0	Christi Anne Satsuki Higa	

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AR-21274-0	Larry Joseph Hlavacek
AR-21286-0	Eva Monica Jamlang Do
AR-21287-0	Brian Alan Will
AR-21288-0	Reece Allen Bonilla
AR-21297-0	Jason Paul Henrey
AR-21300-0	Kristen Michelle DeGreeff
AR-21302-0	Brian Charles Tanner
AR-21305-0	George Denegre Hopkins Jr
AR-21306-0	Paul Huizar
AR-21311-0	Lars Fredrik Gullberg

AR-21322-0	Michael Craig Anderson
AR-21323-0	Roland Johannes Genick
AR-21325-0	Joel Holstein Mendelson
AR-21337-0	Randall Eugene Baker
AR-21339-0	Dallas James Hoopes
AR-21343-0	Richard McSwain
AR-21344-0	Daniel Glad Widlowski
AR-21349-0	Sean Michael Connolly
AR-21352-0	Ryan Reagan Nicholson
AR-21353-0	Brian Coleman Bowles
AR-21354-0	Donald Wayne Alexander
AR-21355-0	Mauro Dallabattista

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Engineer – Endorsement/Exam

Name	Discipline and License Pathway
WORTEN, Andrew J.	CH Endorsement
BRADY, James C.	CE Endorsement
CAVIOLA, James J.	CE Endorsement
FATEMI, Jalaleddin	CE Endorsement
FAUST, Jacob M.	CE Endorsement
FISHER, Stephen	CE Endorsement
FOSTER, Nolan F.	CE Endorsement
HREHA, Michael J.	CE Endorsement
HU, Tongxing	CE Endorsement
JACOBY, Jenna R.	CE Endorsement
JUSTINANO, Hugo W.	CE Endorsement
LEBAG, Kyle P.	CE Endorsement
MacDONALD, Seth M.	CE Endorsement
McMAHON, Jeremiah J.	CE Endorsement
PETRILLO, Damon M.	CE Endorsement
PINA, Gabriel A.	CE Endorsement
RAMEZANI, Alireza	CE Endorsement
PUGGERI, Joseph	CE Endorsement
SEVERS, Charlie M.	CE Endorsement
SHANTHIKUMAR, Thamil Theeban B.	CE Endorsement
VENUTRA ALVARADO, Jose C.	CE Endorsement
FUKUHARA, Scott S.	CE Exam
HU, Bing	CE Exam
LIN, Sara T.Y.	CE Exam
LUONG, Hung Ba	CE Exam
MAU, Christine T.Q.	CE Exam
MEAGHER, Kevin J.	CE Exam
NISHIGATA, Drew Y.	CE Exam
SARMIENTO, Krisjann Mari L.	CE Exam
SILVA, Michael K.E.	CE Exam
SOGA, Micah M.	CE Exam
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SHIN, Byoung-sok	SE Endorsement
SWANSON, Eric J.	SE Endorsement
KUNEY-PITTS, Constance M.	SE Exam

Architect – Endorsement/Exam

Name	License Pathway
ACKERMAN, Aaron G.	ARE Exam
AQUINO, Gene T.	ARE Exam
LI, Jia Ming	ARE Exam
POLLARD, Austin M.	ARE Exam
PRESBAUGH, Jacquelin M.	ARE Exam
STREITZ, Zachary E.	ARE Exam
WILLIAM, Matthew D.	ARE Exam
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ANDERSON, Michael C.	Endorsement
ANDERSON, Seth E.	Endorsement
BAKER, Randall E.	Endorsement
BARNHART, Becky J.	Endorsement
BEFFEL, Tiffany A.	Endorsement
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McSWAIN, Richard	Endorsement
MENDELSON, Joel H.	Endorsement
NICHOLSON, Ryan R.	Endorsement
PELLETIER, Lauren M.	Endorsement
RICCIUTI, Anthony	Endorsement
SZE, Jennifer L.	Endorsement
WIDLOWSKI, Daneil G.	Endorsement

Landscape Architect – Endorsement/Exam

ELLIOTT, Victor J.	LARE Exam & State Exam – HPM
SHAN, Jian	LARE Exam & State Exam – HPM

Land Surveyor – Endorsement/Exam

LARGUSA, Elshae Claine C.	PS Exam & State Exam – HDW
RATLIFF, John	State Exam - HDW

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING¹

	The agenda for this meeting was posted to the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statues ("HRS") section 92-7(b).
<u>Date</u> :	Thursday, December 12, 2024
<u>Time</u> :	10:00 a.m.
In-Person Meeting Location:	King Kalakaua Conference Room King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor 335 Merchant Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Present:	Kevin Katayama, Mechanical Engineer Member, Chair Tony Lau, Civil Engineer Member, Vice Chair Nancy Cassandro, Landscape Architect Member Brian Fujiwara, Architect Member Dan Hirota, Surveyor Member Jay Ishibashi, Public Member Howard Lau, Structural Engineer Member Jonathan Lucas, Architect Member Clayton Pang, Electrical Engineer Member Janet Primiano, Public Member, Chair Roberto Yumol, Architect Member Alan Inaba, Surveyor Member
Members Excused:	Joel Kurokawa, Landscape Architect Member John Takitani, Public Member
<u>Staff</u> :	Sheena Choy, Executive Officer ("EO Choy") James Paige, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG") Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary
<u>Call to Order</u> :	The Chair took roll call of the Board members and excused Mr. Kurokawa, and Mr. Takitani.
	There being a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
<u>Approval of</u> <u>Minutes:</u>	Approval of the Minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting
	The Chair asked if there were any corrections to or discussion of the open session or executive session minutes for the October 10, 2024 meeting.

¹ Comments from the public were solicited on each agenda item. If no public comments were given, the solicitation for and lack of public comment are not explicitly stated in the minutes.

There was none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Howard Lau, seconded by Mr. Yumol, it was voted on and unanimously the open and executive session minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting.

<u>New Business:</u> Email testimony from Dylan Yamamoto regarding experience requirements for fire protection engineers

EO Choy stated that emailed written testimony was received from Dylan Yamamoto on September 13, 2024 regarding fire protection engineering licensure requirements.

Jay Ishibashi joined the meeting in-person at 10:03 a.m.

Clayton Pang joined the meeting in-person at 10:04 a.m.

EO Choy read the emailed testimony:

"I have been working as a fire protection engineer in Hawaii for the past 7 years primarily relating to fire sprinklers. I have passed the Fire Protection Engineering (FPE) NCEES exam and am trying to get licensed in Hawaii, but am not able to because I do not have the required experience under a licensed engineer in the "same discipline for which I am applying." As you know, the FPE discipline was not recognized in Hawaii prior to this year. Therefore, the first 5 years of my experience was gained working under a Licensed Mechanical Engineer who worked on fire protection designs. Being born and raised in Hawaii and hoping to continue my career in Hawaii, I gained this experience under a Mechanical Engineer knowing that was the recognized discipline in Hawaii. Until this recent change to recognize the FPE in Hawaii, my plan was to become a Licensed Mechanical Engineer in order to sign off on my own fire protection drawings in Hawaii. However, I am now trying to become an FPE as that is the appropriate discipline for the work that I have done and will continue to do.

I believe there should be an amendment to the experience requirements for those applying to become a licensed FPE in the state of Hawaii. I believe the experience requirement which currently reads: "To be acceptable, experience must be gained in the discipline for which you are applying, and under the supervision of an engineer who is licensed in the same discipline **for which you are applying**." should have an exception along the lines of "for the field of Fire Protection Engineering, experience gained prior to the year of 2024 may be under the supervision of an engineer licensed in Mechanical or Fire Protection Engineering." I believe this will remove the obvious barrier this creates for local engineers like myself who have pursued fire protection engineering careers in Hawaii. Also of note, other states do not require the supervision experience to be under the same discipline of engineering for which you are applying, so there is no reason to think this

would create a problem. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help this process. Thank you."

EO Choy reminded the Board that a Rules Permitted Interaction Group ("PIG") was formed at the Board's December 14, 2023 meeting to investigate and propose amendments to the Board's administrative rules HAR §16-115.

Currently, the Board's administrative rules HAR §16-115-24(d)(3)&(4), §16-115-31(b)(2)&(3), and §16-115-33(d)(3)&(4) require that all applicants for PE licensure either via endorsement or via exam must submit experience verified by a PE licensed in the same discipline for which they applicant is <u>applying</u>. The rules only allow an exception for those applying for PEstructural licensure whose verifiers are licensed as PE-civil(s) in a jurisdiction that considers structural a part of civil engineering.

The Chair stated that the testimony is best referred to the Rules PIG for consideration.

There was no further public testimony or Board discussion.

2025 Legislative	
Session:	Legislative Liaisons
	EO Choy stated that the 2025 Legislative Session will begin on January 15, 2025. The bill introduction cutoff date is January 23, 2025.
	EO Choy requested the Board appoint legislative liaisons to assist her with legislative matters, including testifying. EO Choy stated that based on legislation that is likely to return next session, she suggests that at least the Chair, Vice Chair, and an architect Board member serve as legislative liaisons. A maximum of 5 legislative liaisons are permitted (less than quorum).
	Upon a motion by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Pang, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to appoint the Chair, Vice Chair, Ms. Cassandro, Mr. Hirota, and Mr. Fujiwara as legislative liaisons for the 2025 Legislative Session.
Applications:	Ratification Lists
	Upon a motion by Mr. Howard Lau, seconded by Mr. Hirota, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to approve the attached Ratification Lists.
	Recommendations from Application Review Committees
	Upon a motion by Mr. Fujiwara, seconded by Mr. Ishibashi, it was voted

Upon a motion by Mr. Fujiwara, seconded by Mr. Ishibashi, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to approve the recommendations from the following Application Review Committees:

- 1) Professional Engineer Committee
- 2) Professional Architect Committee
- 3) Professional Surveyor Committee
- 4) Professional Landscape Architect Committee

Architect Applications

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Primiano, the Board moved into Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(1) and (4) "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure;" and "To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities," (Board will vote in Open Meeting).

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Howard Lau, the Board returned to Open Session at 10:14 a.m.

The Chair summarized that in Executive Session, the Board consulted with the Board's attorney regarding the confidential application of Mauro Dallabattista.

1) Mauro Dallabattista

Upon a motion by Mr. Fujiwara, seconded by Mr. Yumol, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Dallabattista's application.

Executive Officer'sReport:Update on EAS

Update on EASLA engineer board members' presentation to the UH Manoa College of Engineering

EO Choy reported that on October 16, 2024, the Chair, Vice Chair, Mr. Howard Lau, and EO Choy presented on the Professional Engineer ("PE") licensure process to engineering undergraduate and graduate students from the UH Manoa School of Engineering. The presentation covered:

- 1. Introduction to the EASLA Board
- 2. The value of licensure
- 3. Pathways to licensure
- 4. FAQs on the application process, FE and PE exams
- 5. Q&A with the engineering board members

The Vice Chair reported that after the presentation, the Assistant Dean of the UH College of Engineering suggested the Board present to their students on an annual basis.

Mr. Hirota asked if UH Manoa participates in the NCEES Honor Cords effort.

The Chair confirmed that UH does participate, and that the Board presentation covered the Honor Cords option for prospective graduates who pass the FE exam before graduation.

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' ("NCARB") statement on artificial intelligence

EO Choy stated that NCARB released a position statement in November 2024 on the use of artificial intelligence ("AI") in the architectural profession.

There was significant discussion about the regulatory implications of growing Al use at the NCARB Annual Meeting in June, as well as at the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying ("NCEES") and Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards ("CLARB") Annual Meetings.

NCARB and its regulatory community approached consensus on several points:

- Regulators should not limit the use of technological advances that support the profession's ability to improve the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- It falls outside of NCARB's mission and expertise to evaluate or provide opinion on specific AI tools and their application, nor is there precedence for enforcing limitations on a tool's use.
- Any proposed regulation that addresses AI usage in practice must ensure the licensed practitioner remains in responsible control and continues to be accountable for all technical submissions under their seal.
- Al is a tool—it is not a replacement for professional judgement. Regardless of Al tools used, it remains the architect's responsibility to provide services in conformance with the standard of care.
- NCARB is committed to staying apace with the profession and to ensuring that licensure requirements consider both current practice methods and the overarching responsibility that rests with the architect.

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards ("NCARB") releases new Competency Standard for Architects

EO Choy stated that NCARB has launched a new framework that establishes competency-based qualification as the foundation of initial licensure as an architect. The new standard will be used to update the current experience (AXP) and examination (ARE) programs required to become a U.S. licensed architect, as well as guide the evolution of future licensure processes.

The new standard organizes core competencies into three domains:

- 1. Design & Documentation
- 2. Construction Administration
- 3. Practice & Project Management

NCARB anticipates the first phase implementation of the new standards to affect the ARE exam and the AXP experience program in 2026.

New Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") document posted on the Board's website regarding licensure application for the EASLA professions

EO Choy stated that a new FAQs document was posted on the Board's website on December 4, 2024: <u>https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/engineer/</u>. FAQs sections include guidance on the application process for all EASLA license types, basic guidance for post-licensure maintenance of the license, and specific guidance for each EASLA license type (PE, AR, LS, LA).

EO Choy stated that this is the first step towards implementing one of the Engineering Experience Permitted Interaction Group ("PIG") recommendations approved by the Board at its October 10, 2024 meeting to help clarify experience requirements. Additional resources for applicants will be forthcoming.

EO Choy stated applicants and licensees are reminded that the FAQs are a starting reference point, but should be used alongside the Board's laws and rules. The Board's laws, rules, and other policies are subject to change. While the Board staff will try to update the FAQs accordingly, the FAQs are provided for informational and explanatory purposes only and are not the final authority on licensure requirements. They are not to be seen as binding on the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the Board in any way.

The Board's laws and rules can be accessed on the Board's website: <u>https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/engineer/statute_rules/.</u>

The Vice Chair requested that EO Choy add more information on the difference between supervisor-verified experience and experience in responsible charge verified by a non-supervisor as this is a common mix-up for Professional Engineer ("PE") applications.

Next Meeting:	Date:	January 23, 2025 – Special Legislative Session
	Time:	10:00 a.m.
	Location:	King Kalakaua Conference Room
		King Kalakaua Building, 1 st Floor
		335 Merchant Street
		Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

<u>Adjournment</u>: There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

Sheena Choy, Executive Officer

Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary

1/24/25

[] Minutes approved as is.
[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes ______.

JOHN RITCHEY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, LLC.

12/17/2024

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) HRH King Kalakaua Building King Kalakaua Conference Room, 1st Floor 335 Merchant St Honolulu, HI 96813

Attention: EASLA Board of Directors

Subject: Notification of an Epidemic of Malpractice

John Ritchey, with John Ritchey Structural Engineer, LLC requests an audience with the EASLA board members to present his findings from exposure to submitted non-compliant structural engineering plans stamped by a licensed architect or a licensed structural engineer. These plans include retaining walls and residential buildings typically and commonly permitted by the County of Maui for construction. JRSE has seen retaining walls with small footing and inadequate reinforcing. JRSE has also witnessed building plans that do not have out or are incomplete out of plane force resisting systems, uplift force resisting systems, and lateral force resisting systems. Additionally general notes that include design criteria, workmanship, code standards, and materials and framing details are missing.

JRSE wishes to express his concerns regarding this issue and propose new industry standards to improve quality control for professional practice. JRSE proposes a peer review process of buildings during permitting to catch these issues prior to construction and dissuade licensed professionals that do not have the experience to practice certain aspects of structural engineering and defer such work to those whom that do. Licenses are being awarded to individuals without any over sight in how they are used.

The question is why is a licensed architects allowed to practice structural engineering for buildings that are required to be designed by the International Building Code without the same experience and credentials as a licensed structural engineer? Typically, they have neither the education, experience, and qualifications.

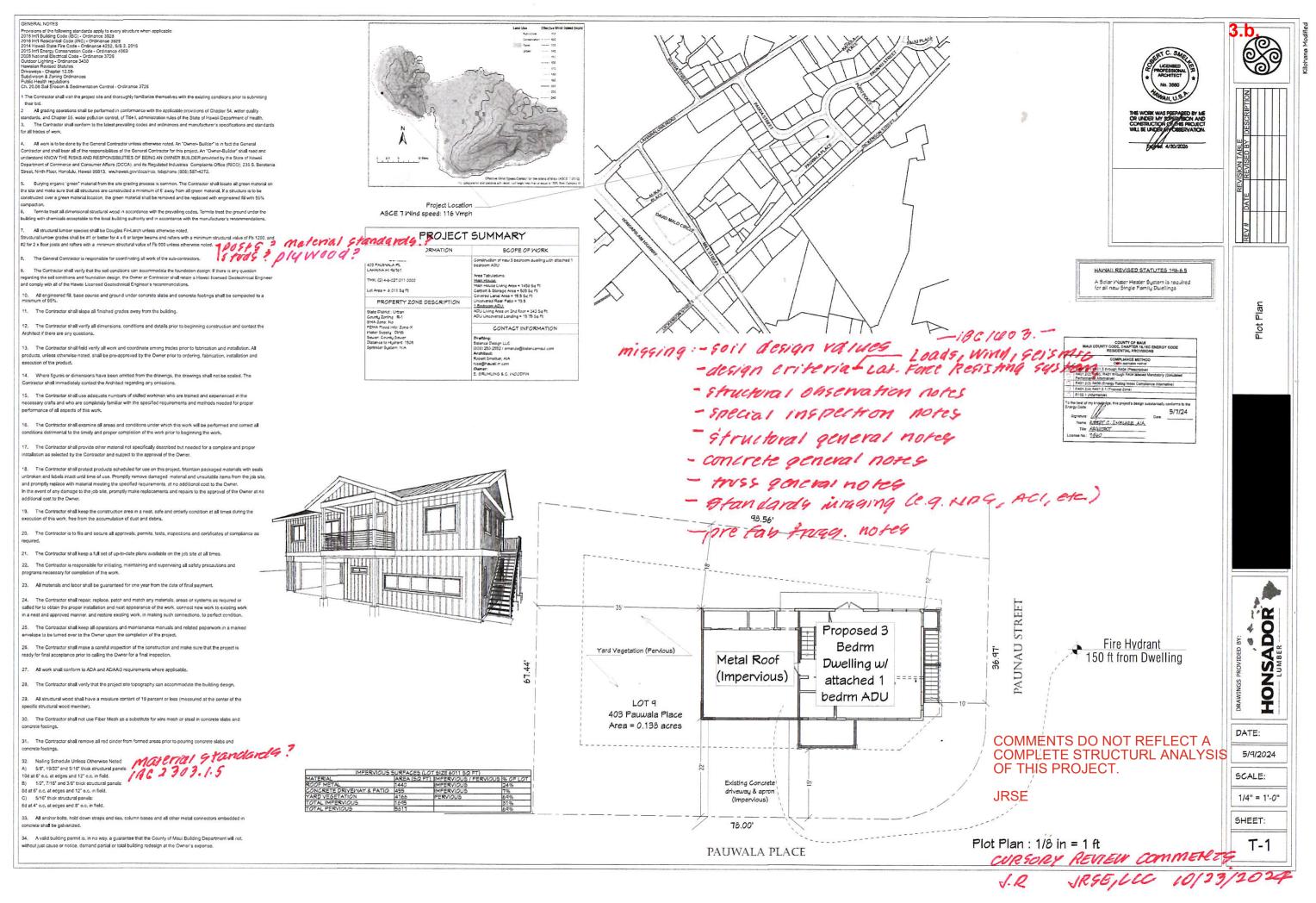
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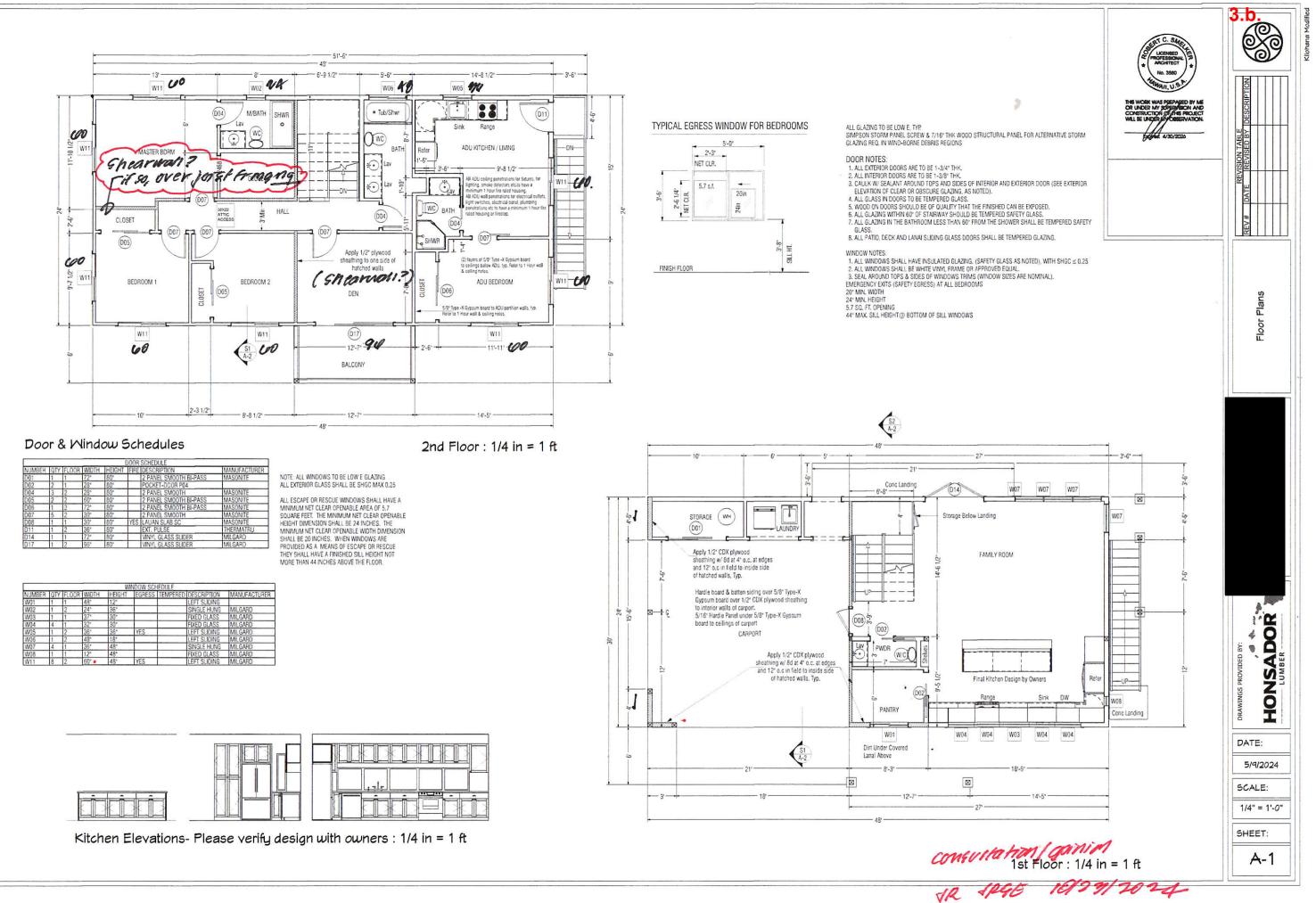
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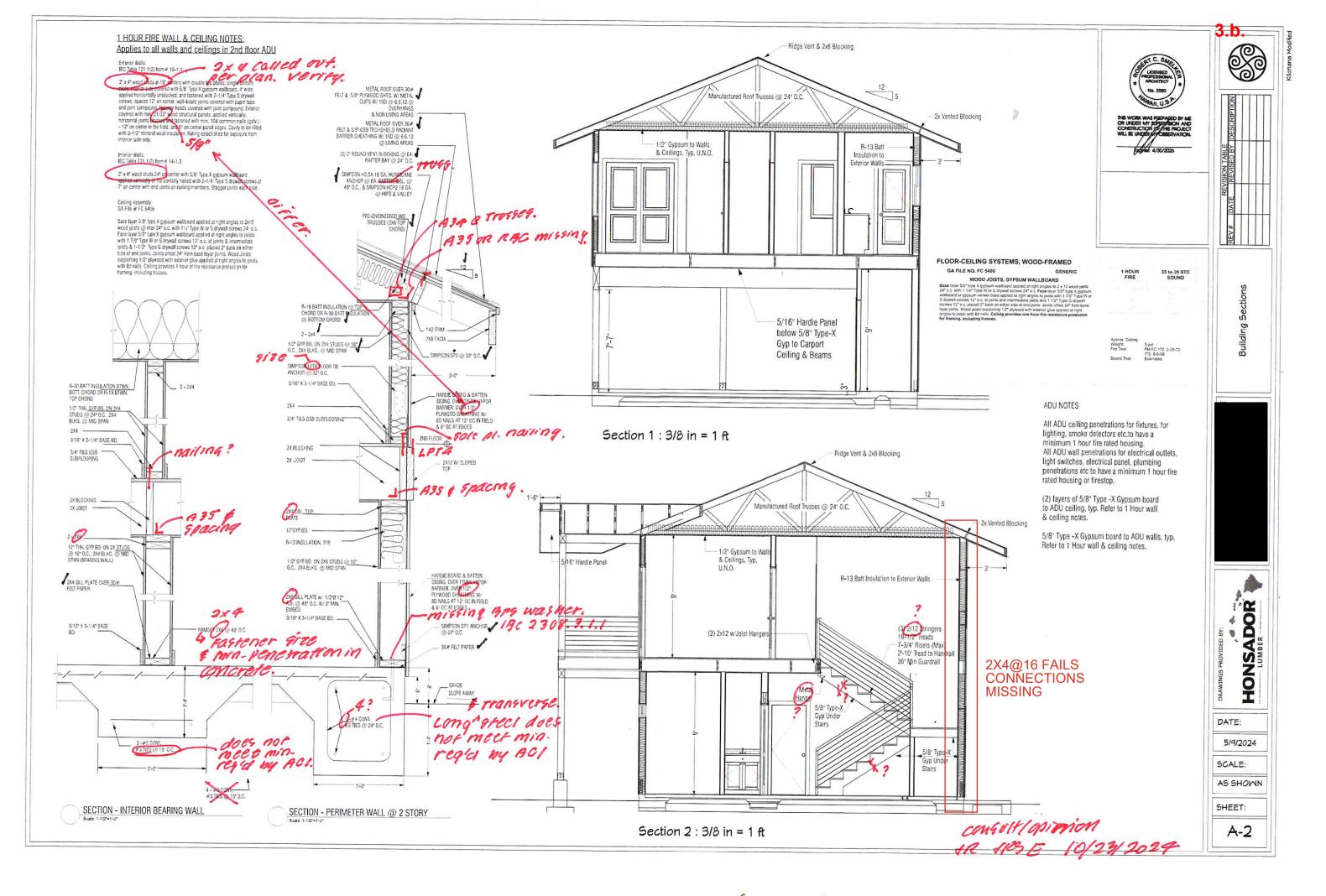
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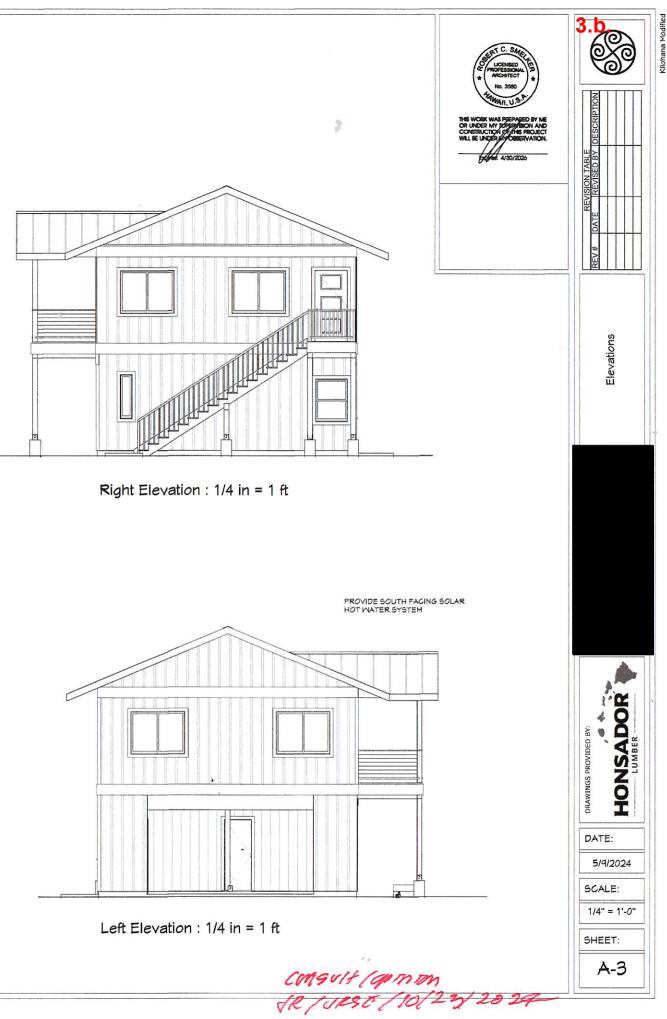
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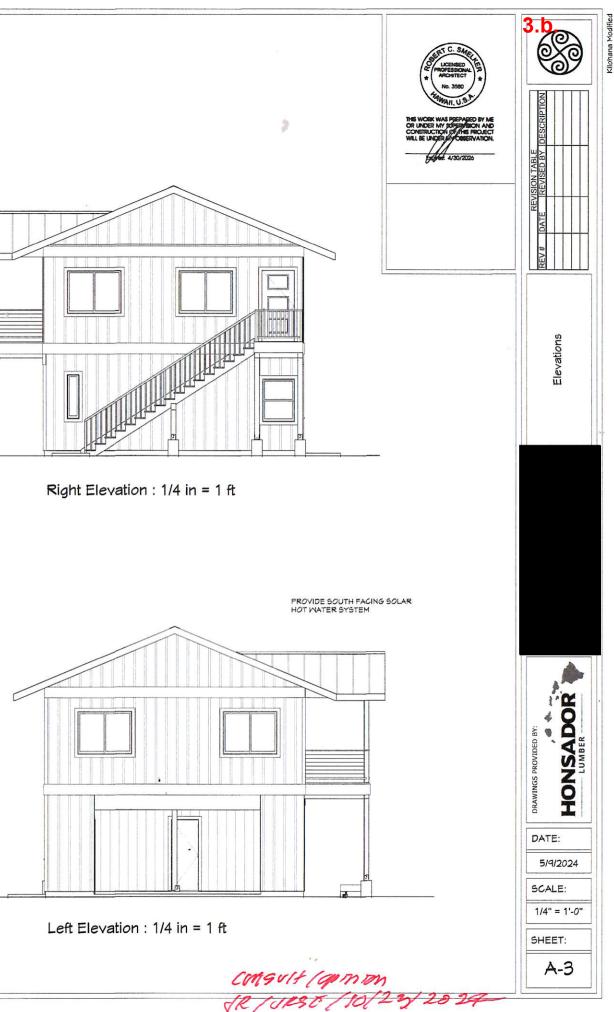


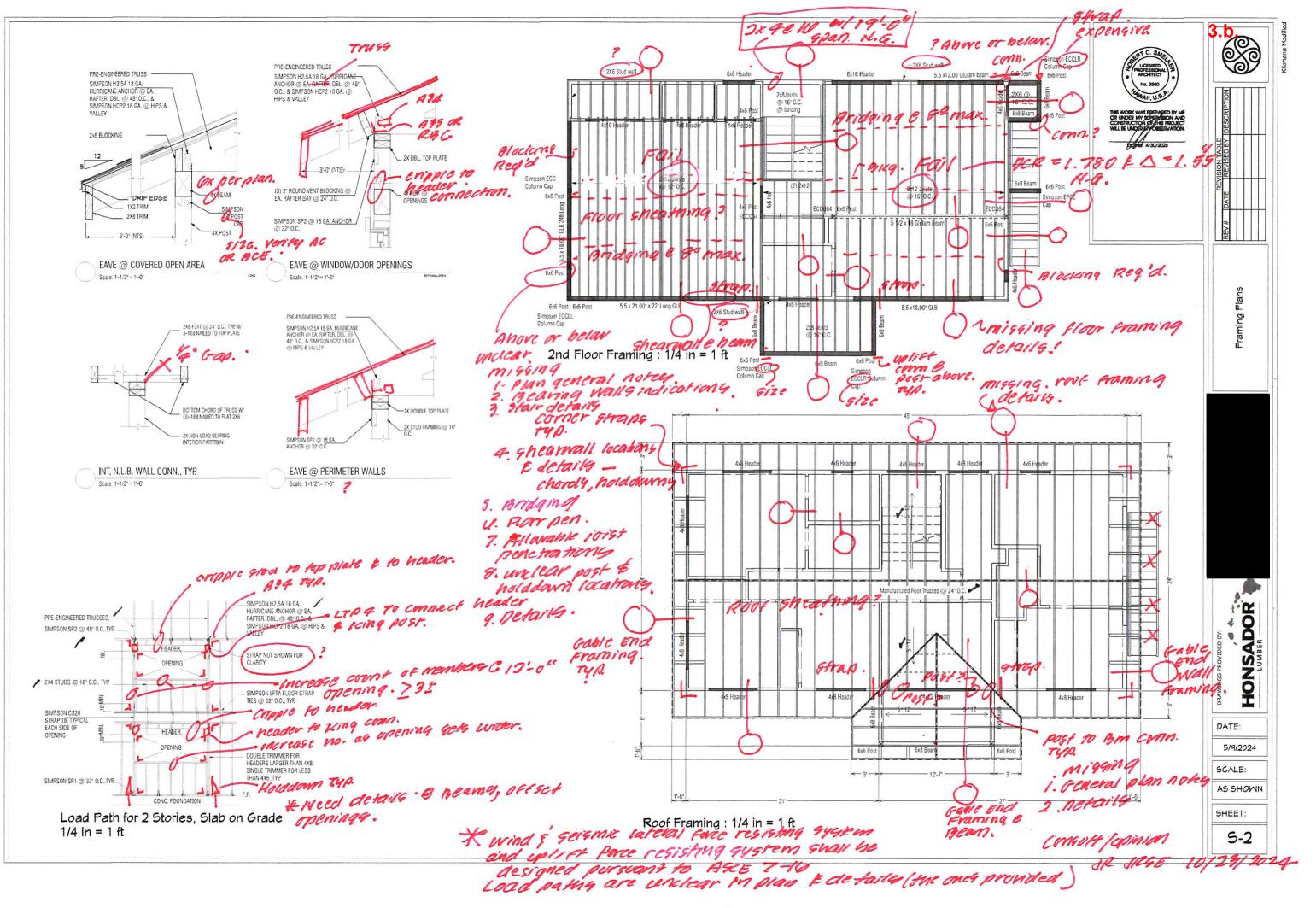


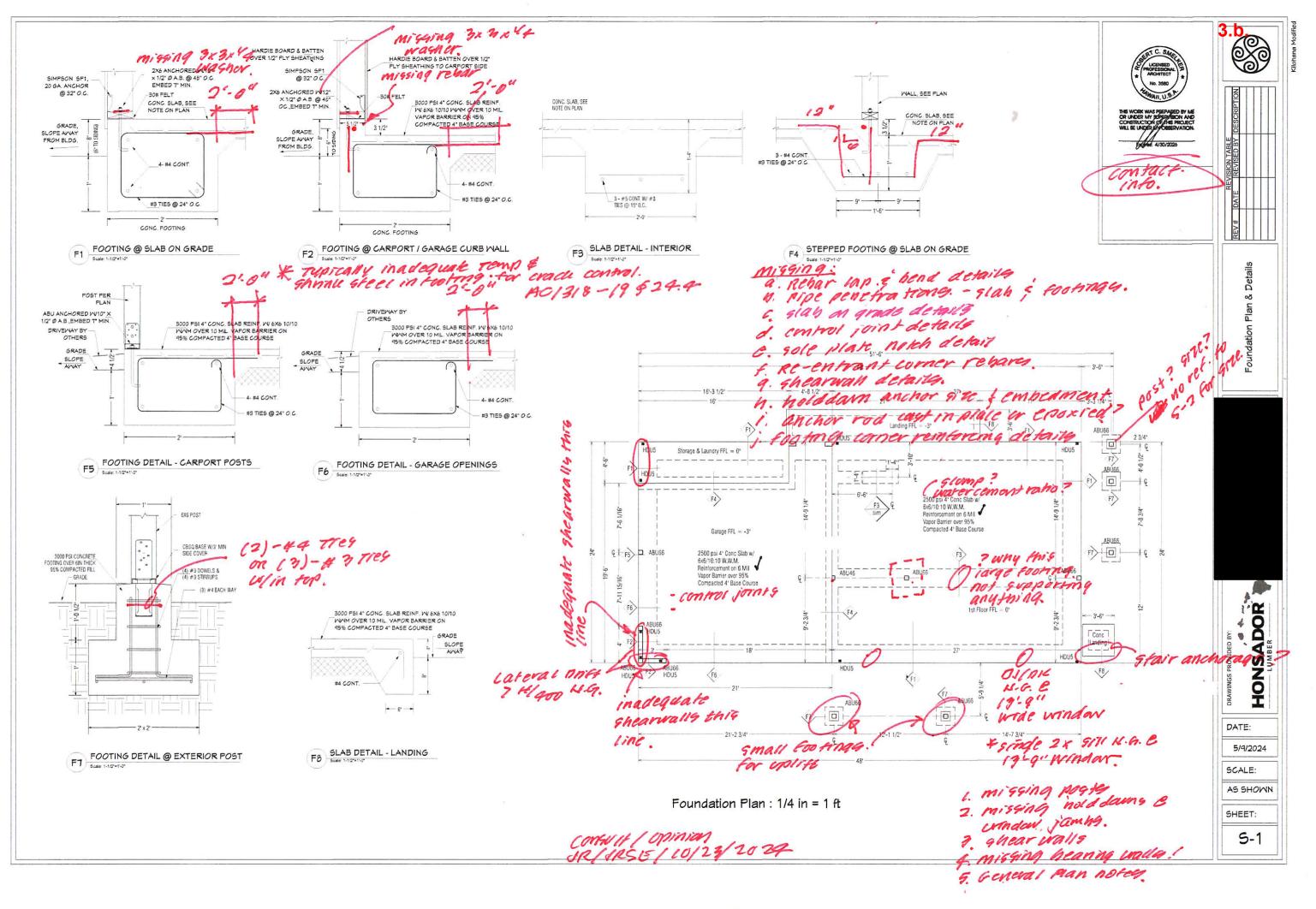












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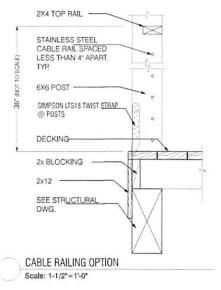
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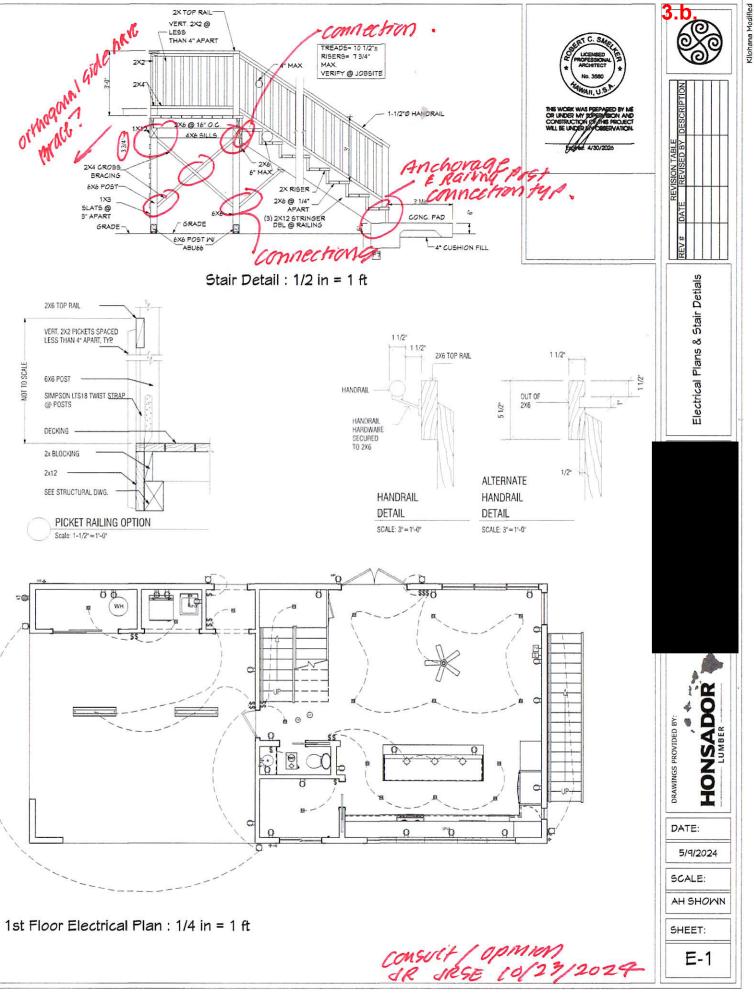
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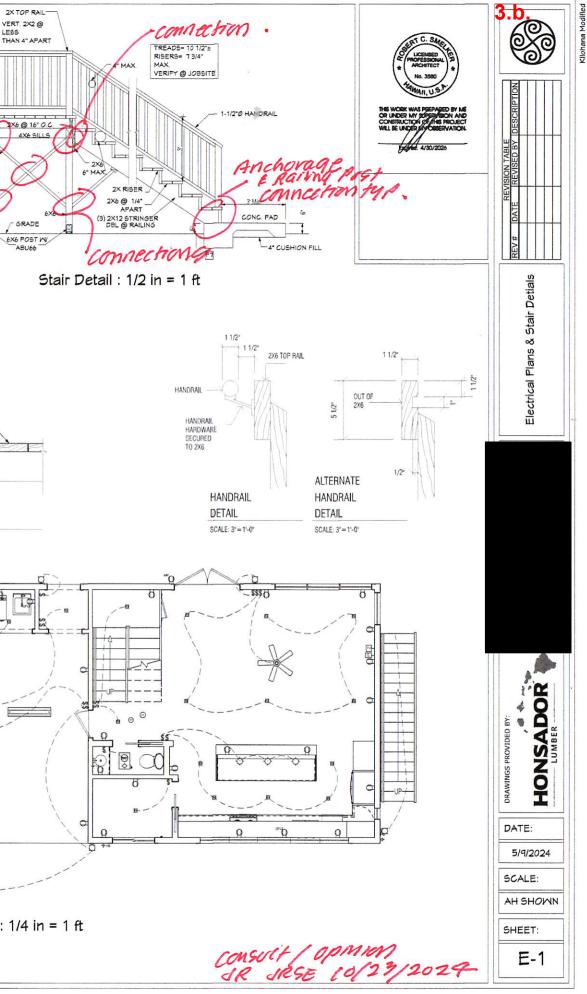
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September 20, 2024

Caleb Woodfin

Email:	
Project: Address: TMK: Application #:	Main Dwelling w/ Attached ADU

4LEAF, INC. has completed the <u>first plan review</u> of the below listed documents on behalf of the County of Maui Development Services Administration, Building Plans Review Section:

Plans: Total Number of Sheets in Set (7)

 Architectural Sheets dated 05.09.24 by Honsador Lumber
 Structural Sheets dated 05.09.24 by Honsador Lumber
 Electrical Sheets dated 05.09.24 by Honsador Lumber

 Other: Water Meter Sizing Worksheet dated 09.16.24 by Caleb Woodfin Wastewater Verification Form dated 08.26.24by Caleb Woodfin Special Inspection Form dated 04.30.24 by Robert Smelker

The basis of the review is the following: MCC 16.26C modifying the 2018 International Building Code (IBC), MCC 16.08A modifying the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC), MCC 16.10 amending 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC), MCC 16.18B modifying the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC), MCC 16.20C modifying the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), and the unamended 2018 International Energy Conservation Code.

Please note that 4LEAF, INC.'s plan review is limited only to the provisions regulated and enforced by the Building Plans Review Section and delegated authority. Check your cases for additions. Please contact all Divisions/Departments for their review comments. Please do not return plans until all comments from all applicable divisions/departments have been addressed.

The building plan review comments are attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eriselda "Eddy" Nanchy Plans Examiner

Main D Applica	welling w/ Attached ADU tion #:	First Plan Review – County of Maui 4LEAF, INC. Job No. Page 2 of 6
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INSTRUCTIONS:

A. Please resubmit entire plan sets only. When submitting a revised set of plans, please send the plans to <u>pickup@4leafinc.com</u>; multiple emails may be used to separately attach response letters and supplemental documents. If plans exceed 10 MB, please instead upload all files to a Box, Dropbox, or 1drive folder and email <u>pickup@4leafinc.com</u> a link to the revised documents.

Please accompany your set of revised plans with a <u>building permit transmittal form</u>, detailing the changes made in the revised set of plans.

- B. All plans, specifications, maps, reports, surveys, and every sheet in a set of design drawings prepared by or under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer, architect, land surveyor, or landscape architect shall be stamped with the authorized seal or stamp when filed. **[HAR 16-115-9]** Below the seal of stamp, the authentication shall state: "This work was prepared by me or under my supervision", be signed by the licensee, and state the expiration date of the license.
- C. Provide an **itemized list** which clearly indicates how each review comment(s) is addressed and the specific location on the plans, specifications or calculations where the correction(s) is provided. Include on the **itemized list** any changes to the plans or previously submitted documents that are not the result of the plan check correction process. Changes made to the plans not a result of responses to the plan review comments may result in additional comments on future rounds.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- G1. Upon resubmittal, if any changes have been made to the plan documents unrelated to those items identified in the comment lists, please list the changes on a separate sheet and include in your submittal documentation.
- G2. Revisions shall be clouded, dated, and initialed by the design professional.

ZONING COMMENTS:

Z1. Sheet T-1: Each ADU shall have one carport, garage, or other off-street parking space to be used by residents of the ADU. Carport and parking cannot exceed a total of 500 s.f. [MCC 19.35.070]

- Z2. Sheet T-1: The impervious surface area of a zoning lot must not exceed 65% of the total zoning lot area. Show all pervious and impervious surfaces on the site plan. Provide a table on the site plan containing the following information:
 - 1) Square footage of each impervious surface by general type (pavement, roof, etc.) and square footage for each pervious square footage for each type
 - 2) For each of the impervious surface types and for the pervious surface, provide their respective percentage of total parcel area.
 - 3) Provide totals for all impervious surface types combined, and for the pervious surface, as well as the percentage of total parcel area for both.

GRADING AND DRAINAGE COMMENTS:

GD1. Sheet T-1: Please provide spot elevations on plans to demonstrate at least 6 inches of fall within 10 feet of the edge of the house, garage and all other structures for drainage. Lots shall be graded to drain surface water away from foundation walls. The grade shall fall a minimum of 6 inches within the first 10 feet. [R401.3] Impervious surfaces within 10 feet of the building foundation shall be sloped not less than 2 percent away from the building. [R401.3, Exception]

FIRE COMMENTS:

No Comments.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMENTS:

- A1. Sheet T-1: Under general notes, revise the Code references on the cover sheet: MCC 16.26C modifying the 2018 International Building Code (IBC), MCC 16.08A modifying the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC), MCC 16.10 amending 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC), 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC), MCC 16.20C amending the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), and the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code.
- A2. Sheet T-1: Show the approximate locations of the points of connection to public utility services (electricity, gas, water and sewer). Show the proposed route of the utility lines to the residence.
- A3. Sheet A-2: Please specify attic ventilation meeting 1/150 ventilation area to roof area, or provide a design professional statement on plans requiring an unventilated attic. Attic spaces shall be permitted to be unvented when the design professional determines states on plans that it would be beneficial to eliminate ventilation openings for one of the following reasons:
 - to reduce salt-laden air and maintain relative humidity 60 percent or lower to avoid corrosion to steel components
 - to avoid moisture condensation in the attic space, OR
 - to minimize energy consumption for air conditioning or ventilation by maintaining satisfactory space conditions in both the attic and occupied space below. [MCC 16.26C.1202.3.1]

ENERGY COMMENTS:

- En1. All single family dwellings constructed after January 1, 2010 shall include a solar hot water system. [HAR 196-6.5] Solar water heater variance is processed by the State of Hawaii Department of Business, and Economic & Tourism (DBEDT) Hawaii State Energy office https://energy.hawaii.gov/what-we-do/energy-efficiency/solar-water-heat-variance/. Please include a Solar Hot Water Heating system with your next submittal, or a DBEDT approval to omit the solar hot water system.
- En2. Sheet E-1: Under lighting requirements, note all (or at least 90%) of lighting as high efficacy. Not less than 90 percent of the permanently installed lighting fixtures shall contain only high-efficacy lamps. **[RE 404.1]**

MECHANICAL COMMENTS:

- M1. Sheet E-1: At main dwelling, please specify an IAQ fan or fans totaling 45 cfm on plans. **[Table M1505.4.3(1)]** One of the other fans can do double duty as the IAQ fan if desired.
- M2 Sheet E-1: At ADU, please specify an IAQ fan or fans totaling 30 cfm on plans. **[Table M1505.4.3(1)]** One of the other fans can do double duty as the IAQ fan if desired.
- M3. Sheet E-1: The kitchen range hood minimum airflow must be 100 cfm intermittent or 25 cfm continuous. **[M1505.4.4]**

PLUMBING COMMENTS:

- P1. Sheet T-1: Provide a plumbing fixture count on the coversheet of plans.
- P2. Sheet T-1: The water supply point of contact (usually a water meter) must be indicated on plans. Also show existing and proposed cleanouts on plans.
- P3. Sheet A-1: At ADU, please note that shower compartments, regardless of shape, shall have a minimum finished interior of 1024 square inches and shall also be capable of encompassing a 30-inch circle. The minimum required area and dimensions shall be measured at a height equal to the top of the threshold and at a point tangent to its centerline. The area and dimensions shall be maintained to a point of not less than 70inches above the shower drain outlet. **[UPC 408.6]**

ELECTRICAL COMMENTS:

- E1. Sheet E-1: Note on plans that outdoor lighting must be full shielded and down directed with no light shining above the horizontal. **[MCC 20.35.060.E]**
- E2. Sheet E-1: At main dwelling and ADU kitchens, all countertop electrical outlets shall have ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection. **[NEC 210.8(A)]** Provide additional kitchen countertop receptacle outlets, so that no point along the wall line is more than 24-inches measured horizontally from a receptacle outlet in that space. **[NEC 210.52(C)(1)]**
- E3. Sheet E-1: At the laundry room, electrical outlet shall have ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection that supply washing machine. **[NEC 210.8(A)(10)]**

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E4. Sheet E-1: At the kitchen island, all electrical outlets shall have ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection. **[NEC 210.8(A)]**

STRUCTURAL COMMENTS:

- S1. Please complete the design criteria and correct the soil bearing. Construction documents for buildings constructed in accordance with the conventional light-frame construction provisions of Section 2308 shall indicate the following structural design information: [MCC 16.26C.1603.1] Floor and live loads are already correct; provide the following:
 - 1. Basic design wind speed, V, miles per hour (mph) (km/hr) and allowable stress design wind speed, V_{eff-asd} as determined in accordance with section 1609.3.1 and wind exposure.
 - 2. Design spectral response acceleration parameters, S_{DS} and S_1 . (SDS = 0.729 and S1 = 0.229)
 - 3. Seismic design category and site class. (SDC = D1, Site Class is D-Default, unless a soils report is provided.)
 - 4. Flood design data, if located in flood hazard areas. (Not required appears to be Flood Zone X.)
 - 5. Design load-bearing values of soils. (Define the soils 1500 psf is typical without a soils report; see Table R401.4.1.)
- S2. Sheet S-2: Please define braced wall lines or shear walls to resist lateral (wind and earthquake) forces. If designed by an engineer, provide a full set of structural calculations for the shear walls. If specifying a braced wall system, please define all braced wall lines, and identify braced wall panel lengths and types (such as WSP, CS-WSP, ABW, etc.). Important restrictions of braced wall systems: The maximum on center spacing of braced walls is 25'. [Table R602.10.1.3] Braced walls must begin within 10 feet of each end of the braced wall line and be a minimum of 4' wide. **[Table R602.10.2.2].**

If you need clarification or have any questions regarding the above plan review comments, please contact **Eriselda Nanchy**, or by email.

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NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

- 1. To track the progress of your building permit case, please visit our Maui's Automated Planning & Permitting System (MAPPS) Customer Self Service (CSS) <u>https://mapps.co.maui.hi.us/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService#/home</u>.
- For building permit cases which started through MAPPS, revised documents and/or a complete set of the revised construction plans must be submitted through MAPPS CSS after all reviewing agencies have reviewed and entered a decision. Please see MAPPS' User Guide on how to review comments and resubmit documents <u>https://himauicountymapps.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/226/MAPPS-CSS-Guide---Howto-respond-to-review-comments--070622?bidld=</u>.
- 3. All revisions require a completed DSA Building Permits' Transmittal Form: <u>https://hi-mauicountymapps.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/137/MAPPS-Building-Permits-Transmittal-Form</u>
- 4. The applicant and/or design professional shall update the construction plans by replacing and inserting revised sheets.
- 5. Revisions shall be clouded, dated, and initialed by the design professional.
- 6. Note that upon re-review of your corrected construction plans, additional comments may be made.

DATE	TIME	Contact	PERSON(S)/COMPANY	SUMMARY OF
2024		Contact		CONVERSATION
10/16	1400		Caleb Woodfin	Caleb Woodfin contacts
10/10	1400			JRSE to solicit structural
				engineering services for
				structural calculations;
				JRSE request drawings for
				review; CW emails plans
				and 4LEAF comment; JRSE
				review and informs CW
				that the plans are
				structurally unsound and
				incomplete and non-code
				compliant; JRSE gives
				examples of non-
				compliant aspects and
				missing details – gable end
				wall bracing, footing size,
				footings that are not
				needed; insufficient out of
				plane framing at openings,
				shear walls atop beams.
10/16	1436			Sent email to mayors office
10/10	1400			requesting meeting or call
				to discuss 4LEAF
				permitting process
10/16			4LEAF	JRSE speaks to 4LEAF
				principal structural
				engineer and inquires to
				the amount of listed
				comments compared to
				actual amount of
				discrepancies.
				4 LEAF engineer informs
				JRSE that the COM has
				explicity informed them not
				to review structural in
				depth; he does provide
				plans to his structural
				engineering staff because a
				long list of issues would be
				generated; they are getting
				push back from COM and
				professionals for 4LEAF
				submitted review
				comments; 4LEAF yields to
				pressures which subverts
				their ethical responsibility

			as professonals; they are lawyered up; they have gotten push back for suggesting structural; observation notes; and there are more instances inferred; COM building department and officials that are pushing back and critical of 4LEAF were not named; stamping professionals and others that are pushing back on 4LEAF were not explicity named. 4LEAF principal concurs with JRSE's
10/17	1537	HONSADOR LUMBER- Suzette Felicilda	position and opinions on this matter. JRSE contacted HONSADOR LUMBER and informs SF that the building kit drawings he was provided are structurally unsound. SF pushes back on JRSE about the nature of the drawings and questions
10/17		COM Puilding	the drawings in JRSE's position are generated by HONSADOR. JRSE emails them to SF. JRSE shares with KS his
10/17		COM Building Permitting Department – Kristen Shimata	JRSE shares with KS his discussion with 4LEAF principal and CW. KS states that the Maui County Ordinance 5507 Section 107.3.1 stating buildings shall be designed by a prescriptive method or engineered method is the reason why 4LEAF does not need to check structural and that has been the standard for the COM to date. The stamping professional is responsible. She suggested speaking to legistators who make the ordinance.

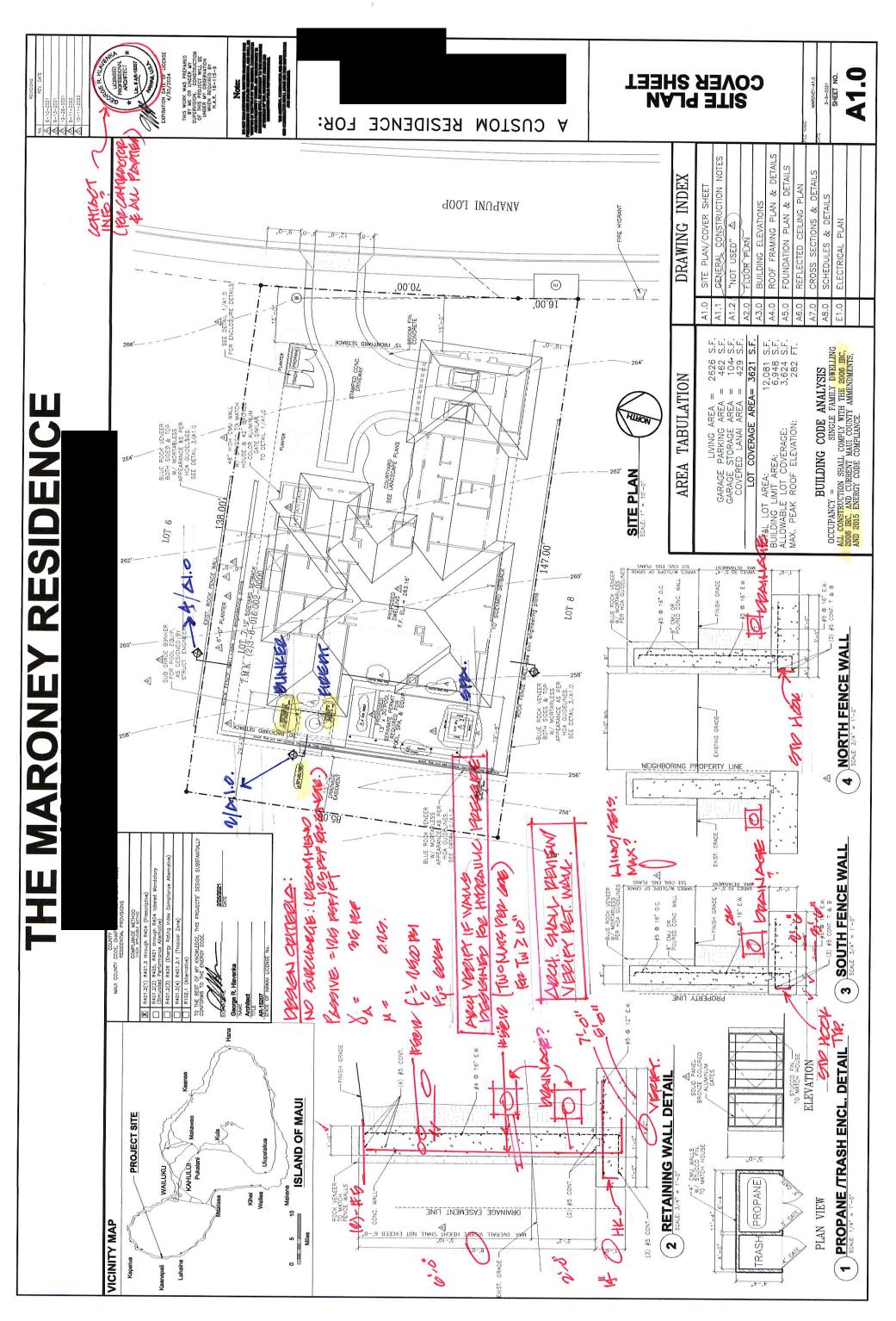
10/17	Elle Cochran	JRSE contacts EC and summarizes his findings to date. EC states she will review the ordinance and look into what is transpiring.
10/17	Mayors office: John Smith	JRSE contacts JS and leaves message. No call back to date.
10/17	Mayors office: Jordan Molina	JRSE contacts JM and leaves message. No call back to date.
10/17	Kaleb Markstrom Crescent Home Construction	JRSE informs KM, a local contractor, about his experience and notifies him that drawings are being approved that are structurally unsound and non building code compliant. KM informs JRSE he has a whole stack fo these drawings on his desk and seeing it as well.
	Mayors office secretary	JRSE speaks to secretary and she transfers him. JRSE asks why no call backs and when he will expect to get a call back to what he understands as an important issues. Secretary tells him that the office is busy all the time and all he can do is wait.
	Office of Tom Cook	JRSE leaves messages and receives call back from his executive assistance Jared. Jared hears JRSE information and states he will inform Tom Cook.
	Scott Martin 4LEAF	JRSE contacts 4LEAF to complain that the received to comment letters with structural comments that are boiler plate and request information

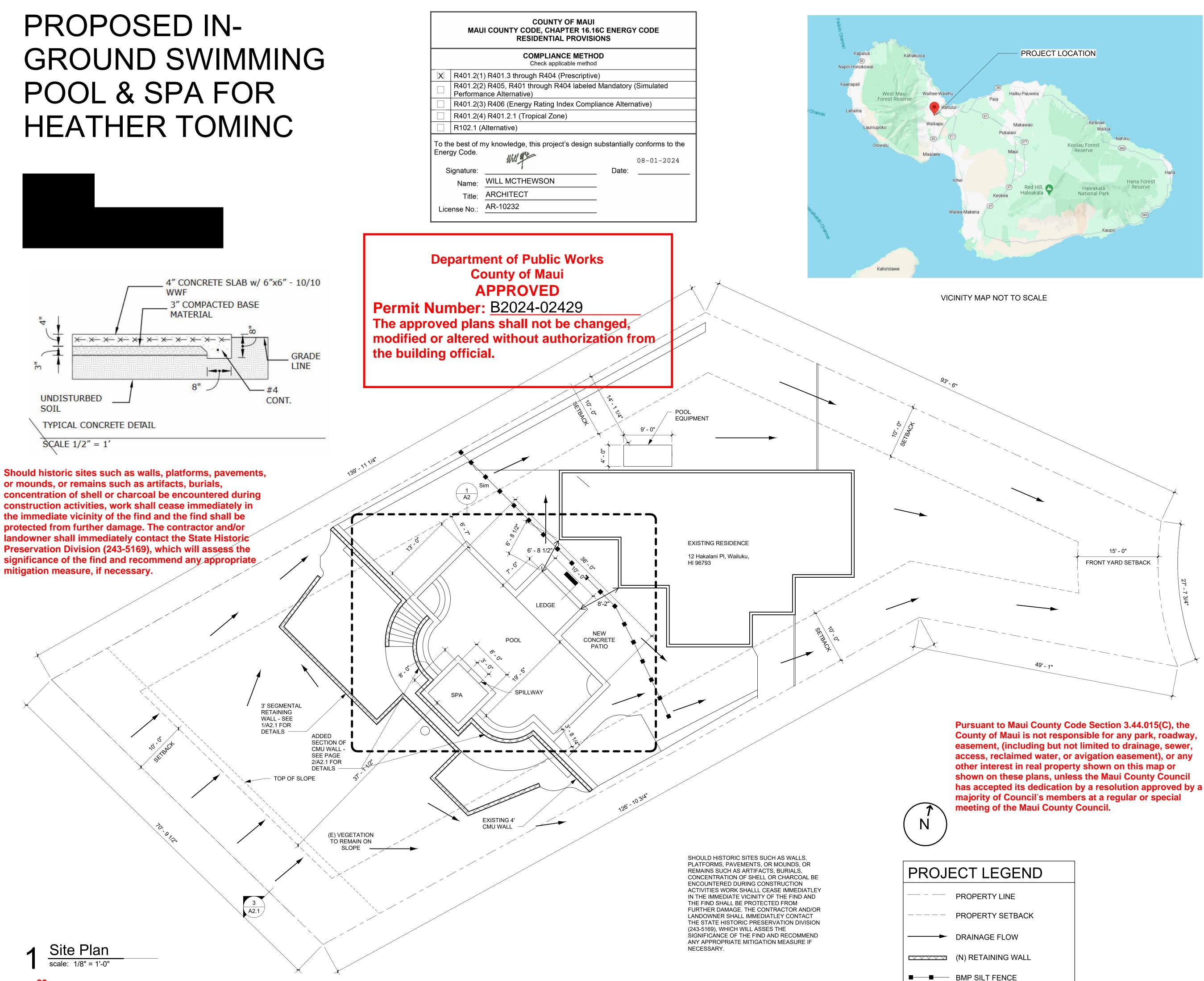
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			 that is already shown the submitted plans delaying the review process and wasting time and asks them to be more through in their review. JRSE shares his conversation that he had with another 4LEAF principal and SM agrees to what is happening. JRSE asks does the COM mandate supersceed 4LEAF ethical responsibility as proffessionals and SM agrees it should not. SM concurs will JRSE positions SM does not know what to do to solve the problem. SM stated all these rushed permits are just going to cause issues down the line.
10/21	1343	MAYOR RICK BISSEN	 JRSE summarizes 4 LEAF permitting process and approving non-compliant plans. JRSE summarizes he received plans and 4LEAF comments from a Lahaina resident. Comments address 2 structural line items; however the drawings are structurally incomplete and a lot of unlisted structural issues are present. JRSE tells RB he informed Elle Cochran and spoke to Tom

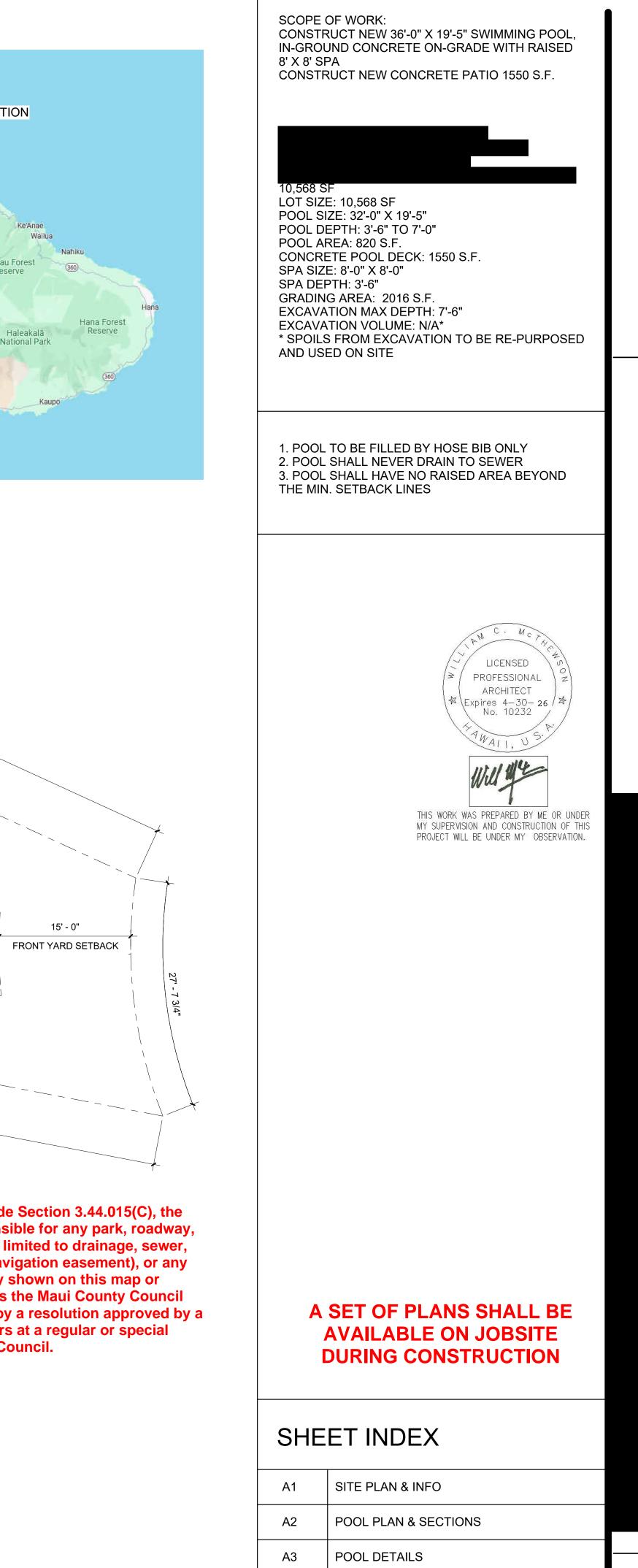
10/22	1400	Wade Shimokura, DSA Lance Nakamura, DSA Both were instructed to call me by Jordan Molina	•	Cooks executive assistant. JRSE tells RB that he attempted to contact the mayor's office and left messages with John Smith and Jordan Molinda. JRSE did not receive a call back. RB informs JRSE that he thinks EC will go to media and JRSE will be contacted by media and COM as an expert witness. JRSE told them the history. JRSE was informed that they understood, and they are going to speak with 4LEAF. JRSE gave them the permit number for the CW project for their review JRSE offered to meet and walk them through the problems.
10/23		vvade Shimokura, DSA	•	Received email for plan comments on Woodfin residential building 10/22. Took 4 hours to redline, I submitted.

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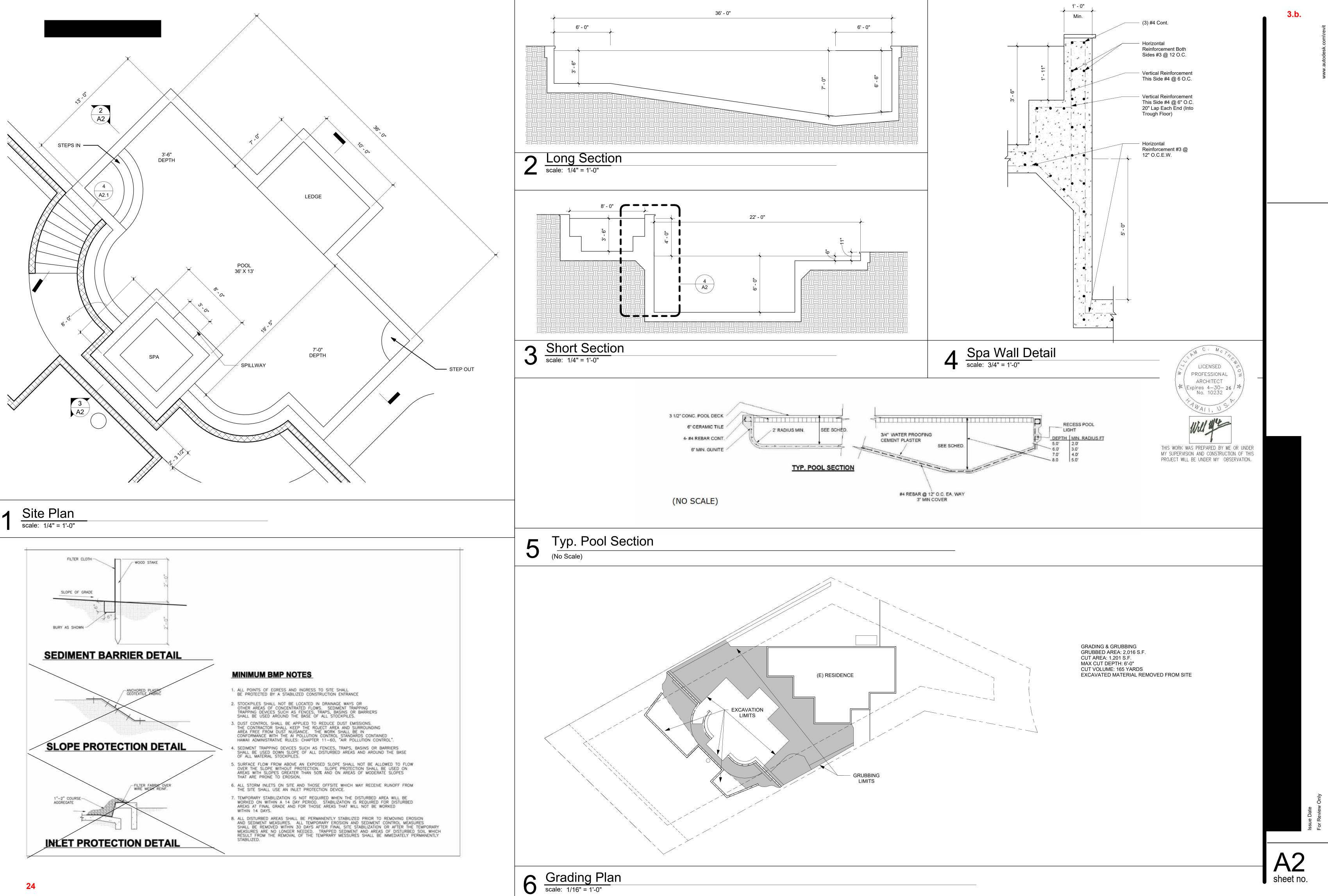


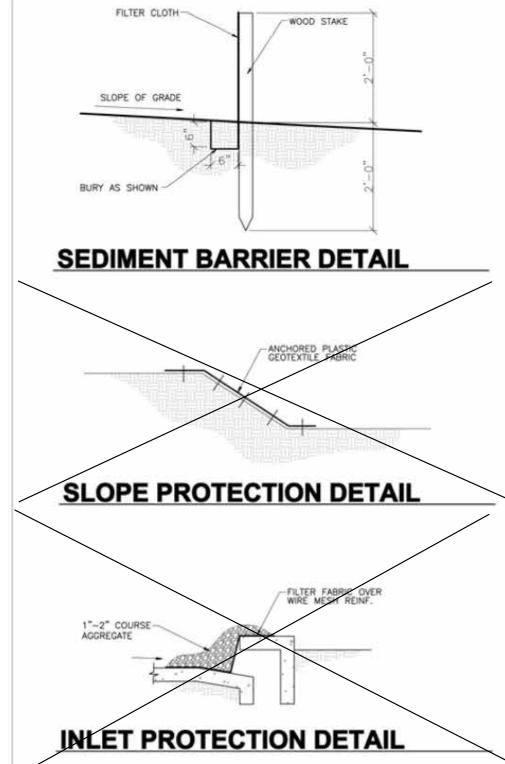
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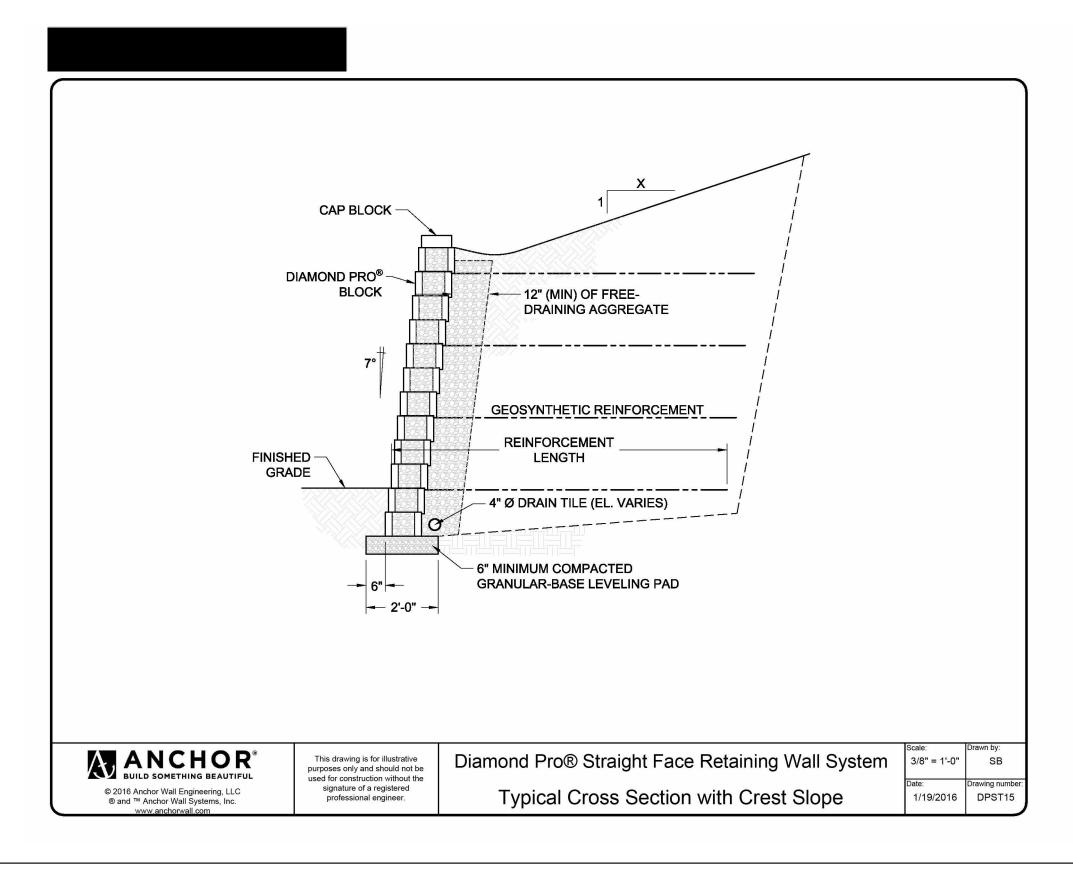
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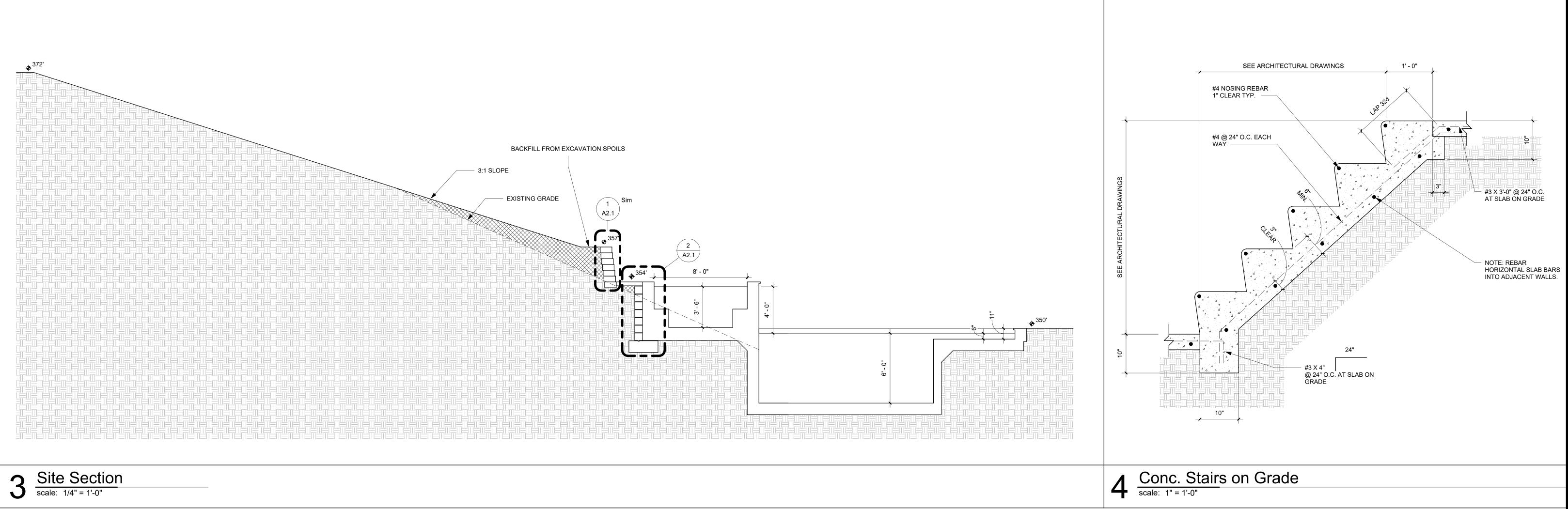
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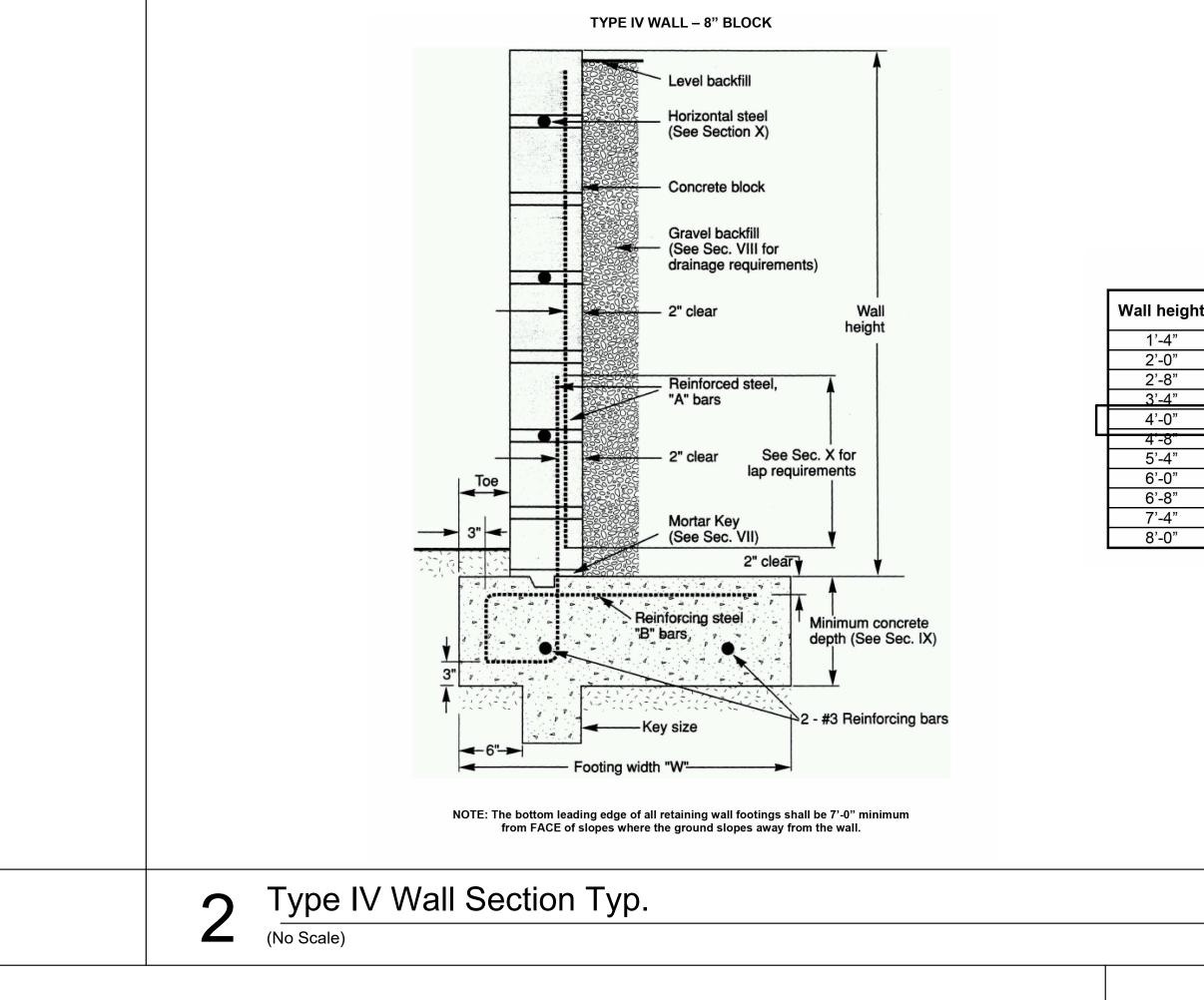




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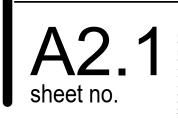
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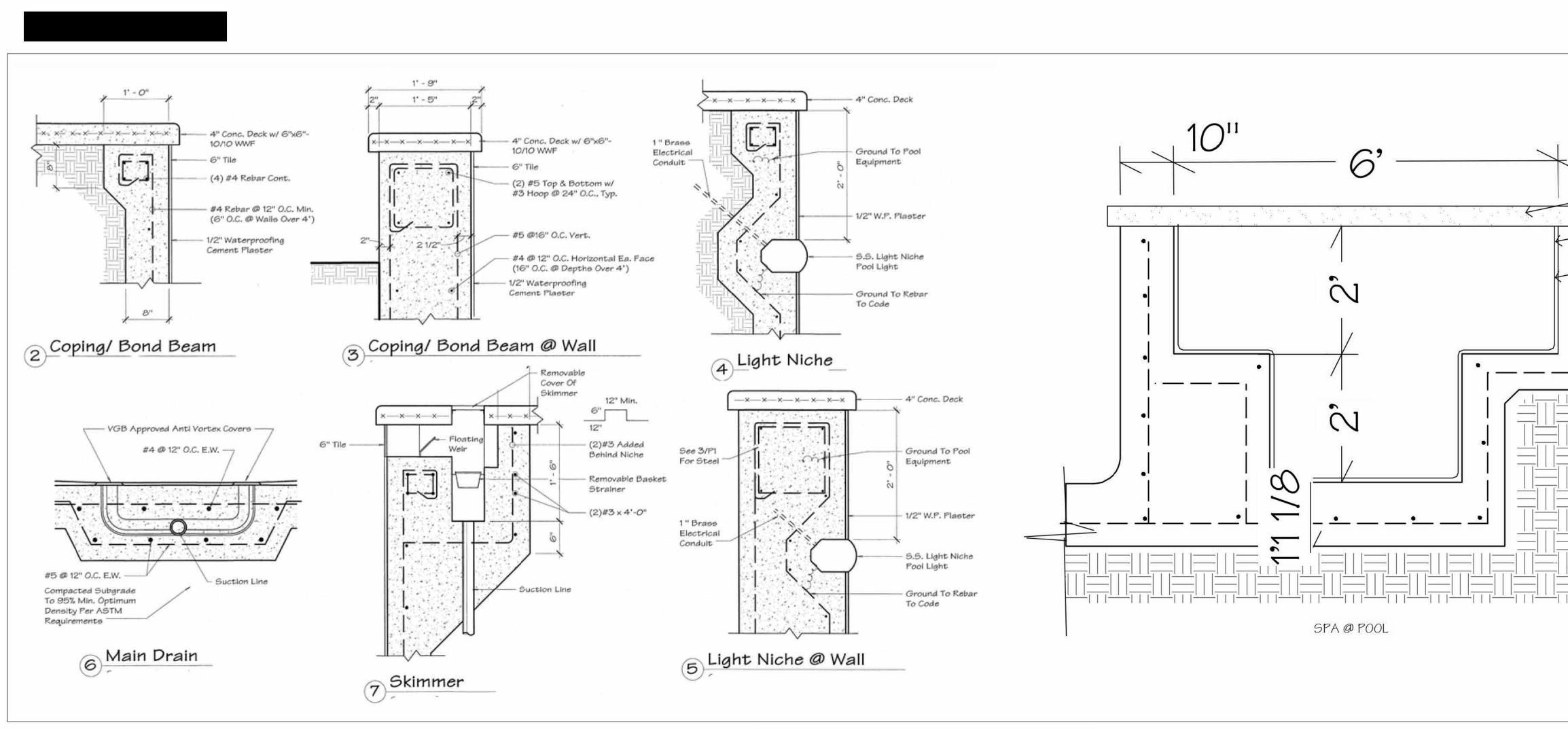
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ht	Wall	Таа	Footing	Kovoizo	Reinforci	ng Steel
m	type	Тое	width	Key size	A bars	B bars
	Ш	2"	1'-3"	None	#3 @ 24" o.c.	None
	Ш	2"	1'-6"	None	#3 @ 24" o.c.	None
	Ш	3"	1'-10"	None	#3 @ 24" o.c.	#3 @ 48" o.c.
	Ш	4"	2'-1"	None	#3 @ 24" o.c.	#3 @ 48" o.c.
	IV	6"	2'-6"	None	#4 @ 24" o.c.	#3 @ 32" o.c.
	ÎV	11"	2'-11"	None	#4 @ 24" o.c.	#4 @ 24 [#] 0.C.
	IV	12"	3'-2"	6"x6"	#4 @ 16" o.c.	#4 @ 24" o.c.
	V	16"	3'-10"	8"x8"	#4 @ 16" o.c.	#4 @ 24" o.c.
	V	16"	4'-4"	8"x8"	#4 @ 16" o.c.	#4 @ 16" o.c.
	V	16"	5'-0"	12"x12"	#5 @ 16" o.c.	#4 @ 16" o.c.
	V	20"	5'-8"	12"x12"	#6 @ 16" o.c.	#4 @ 16" o.c.



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Pool General Notes

Steel Reinforcing:

Standard Floor & Wall #4 @ 12" O.C. Each Way, Wall Over 4'-O" Deep, #4 @ 6" O.C. Vertically Extending 2'-O" Into Floor Rebar Shall Be Grade 40. All Steel To Be Grounded Electrically.

Concrete:

All Concrete To Be 3,000 PSI @ 28 Days. Minimum Concrete Thickness To Be 8" With Minimum Thickness @ Radius, And Below 4'-0" Depth, Shall Be 12". Compact All Areas Below And Around Pool To 95% Of Optimum Density.

Electrical:

All Electrical Works Shall Conform To The Requirement Of Maui County And N.E.C. Art 680 Latest Edition. All Equipment Shall Comply With The N.E.C. And Shall Be U.L. Approved. Bonding And Grounding Shall Be With A.W.S. #8 Copper Conductor. No Electrical Attachment, Receptacle Or Overhead Wiring Shall Be Within 10' Of The Pool Or Spa. All Receptacles Located Between 10' And 15' From The Pool Or Spa Shall

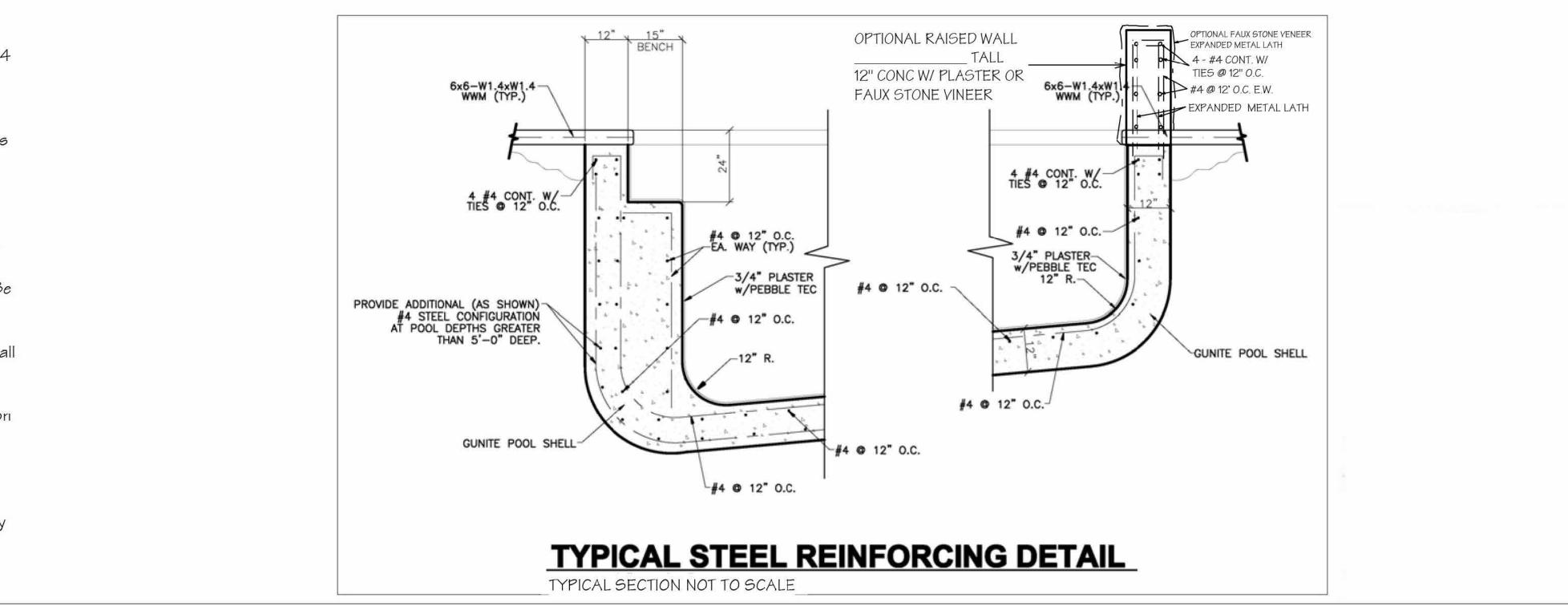
Be Protected With A Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFI) Pool Equipment Room:

Refer To Architectural Plan(s) For Location And Structural Information Swimming Pool Contractor Shall Be Responsible For:

1. Obtaining All Necessary Permits And Approvals To Install And

- Complete The Pool And Spa As Shown On These Plans
- 2. Coordinating All Work with Other Trades
- 3. Any And All Damage Done To Existing Utilities, Therefore Shall Verify All Utility Locations Prior To Any Excavation

TYPICAL POOL DETAILS 1/2"=1'



DATE PAGE A-3 12/14/21 3 1/2" CONC. DECK w/ 6 X6 10/10 W.W.F. 6" CERAMIC TILE BORDER 3/4" WATERPROOFING CEMENT PLASTER - #4 REBAR CONT. - #4 REBAR @ 12" O.C. LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT 🏽 \Expires 4-30-26 No. 10232 THIS WORK WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT WILL BE UNDER MY OBSERVATION.



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A1) 2.0" Spa Floor Drains

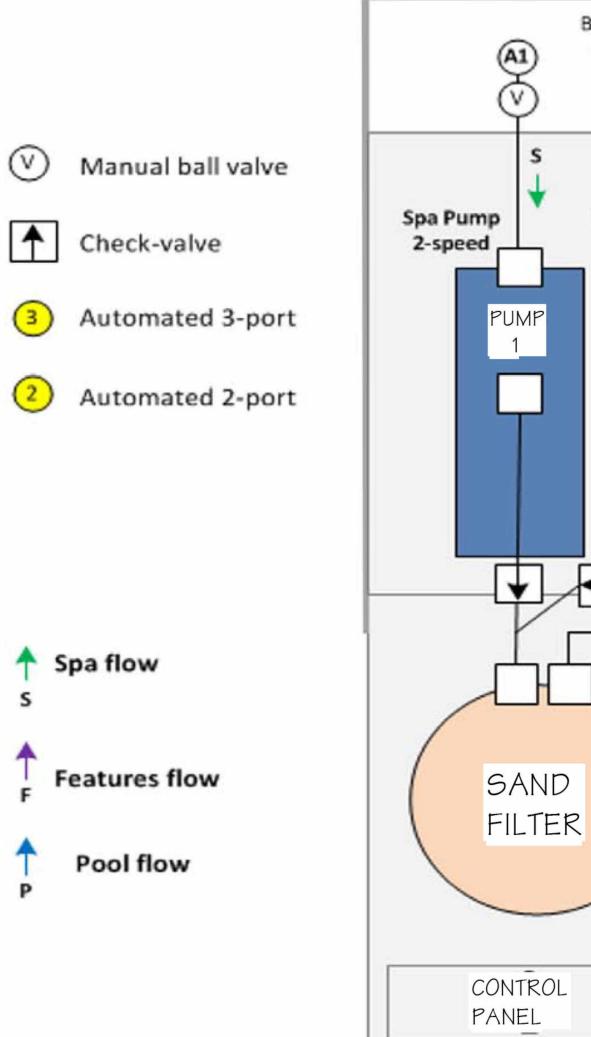
A3) 2.0" Pool Floor Drains

A4) 2.0" Pool Wall Suction?

A2) 2.0" Skimmer

BL) Blower

- B4) 2.0" (4) Pool Wall Return
- B2) 1.5" Spa Floor Return
- B3) 1.5" Bubbler?



POOL TO BE FILLED BY HOSE BIB ONLY POOL SHALL NEVER DRAIN TO SEWER POOL SHALL HAVE NO RAISED AREA BEYOND THE MIN SETBACK LINES

B1) 2.0" (6) Spa Wall Jets

Blower 1%" (B3) 1%" (B2) BL ₿4 (V) (A4) (B1) (A3) (A2) (\mathbb{V}) (V open 3" manifold close Pool Pump VSP PUMP 2 HEATER SWG -> -> 4" THK CONC POOL PAD WITH 6X6X10/10 WWF

POOL TO BE FILLED BY HOSE BIB ONLY

APPROXIMATE SIZE 6' X 8'

Spa Mode

Pool & Spa

PVC piping from equipment pad to pool and spa

Pump 1 on (pump 2 off) Actuators in spa position Primary flow from spa drain through filter and heater to spa jets

Spa Mode with Features

Pump 1 and 2 on Actuators in spa position Primary flow from spa drain through filter and heater to spa jets Secondary flow provides circulation from pool to pool (and features)

Pool Mode

Pump 2 on (pump 1 off) Actuators in pool position Primary flow from pool through filter and heater to pool

TYPICAL POOL PAD NOT TO SCALE

PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT Expires 4-30-26 Will THIS WORK WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT WILL BE UNDER MY OBSERVATION.

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Sheena R. Choy

From:	John Ritchey
Sent:	Wednesday, January 8, 2025 6:05 PM
То:	DCCA EASLA
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] JRSE Another project.
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Hi Sheena

Please submit these plans to the board as well.

JRSE was approached by a Lahaina owner who requested a second opinion of framing drawings, dated July 30, 2024, he was provided by a licensed Maui architect. JRSE conducted a review of the permitted drawings for construction and numerous structural and code deficiencies were observed. The owner informed JRSE that the building was designed by the architect's in-house structural engineer. The owner also stated he paid \$12,000.00 for them. The owner stated he informed the architect and engineer of the noted discrepancies; however, they informed him the submitted plans would not be changed to address the listed deficiencies.

Respectfully,

John Ritchey, PE Principal



John Ritchey, Structural Engineer, LLC Structural Engineering and Consulting



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Sheena R. Choy

From:	DCCA EASLA
Sent:	Tuesday, December 17, 2024 12:32 PM
То:	John Ritchey
Subject:	RE: Info for EASLA Board meeting

Hi John,

Board's laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes "HRS" 464) and rules (Hawaii Administrative Rules "HAR" 16-115) are available here: <u>https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/engineer/statute_rules/</u>

Also per our phone call this morning, confirming that we have received your emails and documents for the 2/6 board meeting. Please note that we are unable to "advertise" the board meetings to specific individuals/organizations. However, schedule for Board meetings are available through 2025 on the Board's website and the agenda for each meeting is always posted at least 6 calendar days before the meetings on the State Calendar.

We will have public packets available for those who come in-person, and a link to a digital public packet available on the Board's website as the meeting approaches.

Mahalo, Sheena

From:

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 11:51 AM To: DCCA EASLA <easla@dcca.hawaii.gov> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Info for EASLA Board meeting

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Sheena

Can you please send me the licensure laws for architectural and structural professionals.

I spoke with Lance Nakamura, DSA, and I forwarded the board meeting information. He stated his team is also looking into this matter and his inspectors are also bringing information to his attention.

JRSE

From: DCCA EASLA <<u>easla@dcca.hawaii.gov</u>> Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 3:58 PM To: John Ritchey Subject: Info for EASLA Board meeting

Aloha John,

Per our phone conversation today, please see information below regarding attending the EASLA Board's next meeting:

Meeting information:

- Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025
- Time: 10am HST start
- Agenda: Will be filed on the State calendar within 6 days of the meeting https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/
- Zoom link: Link will be updated on the Board's website as the meeting date approaches <u>https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/engineer/board-meeting-schedule/</u>
- In-person location: I understand that you are located on Maui and would be joining and testifying virtually, but should you happen to be on O'ahu and wish to attend in-person or if there are other stakeholders who would like to join in-person, the in-person meeting address is:

HRH King Kalakaua Building King Kalakaua Conference Room, 1st Floor 335 Merchant St Honolulu, HI 96813

Per our call, thank you for also sending a brief letter to the Board summarizing what you plan to testify on. I will distribute copies for the Board's information and review prior to the meeting. Kindly request that you send the letter at least 10 business days in advance of the 2/6 meeting so I have time to prepare it for Board and public distribution.

The Board is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. We appreciate both your interest in the same mission, as well as your understanding that the Board is limited by its laws and rules as to the extent to which it can take certain action.

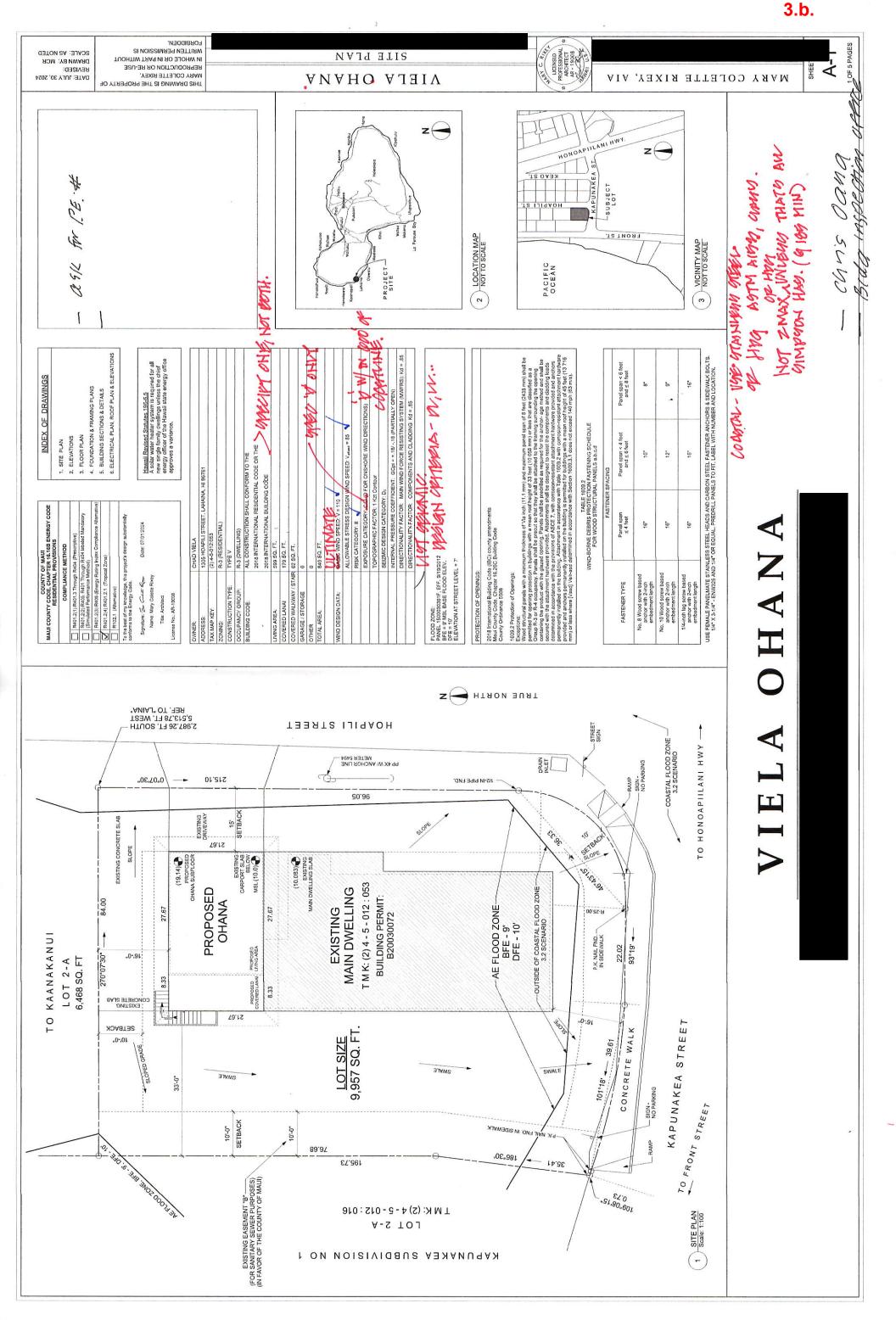
I understand that you are already familiar with the Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"), but just including their website here again for your convenience if you would like to file a complaint against any current licensee: https://cca.hawaii.gov/rico/.

Please let me know if you have any questions and you are welcome to stay in touch ahead of the February meeting.

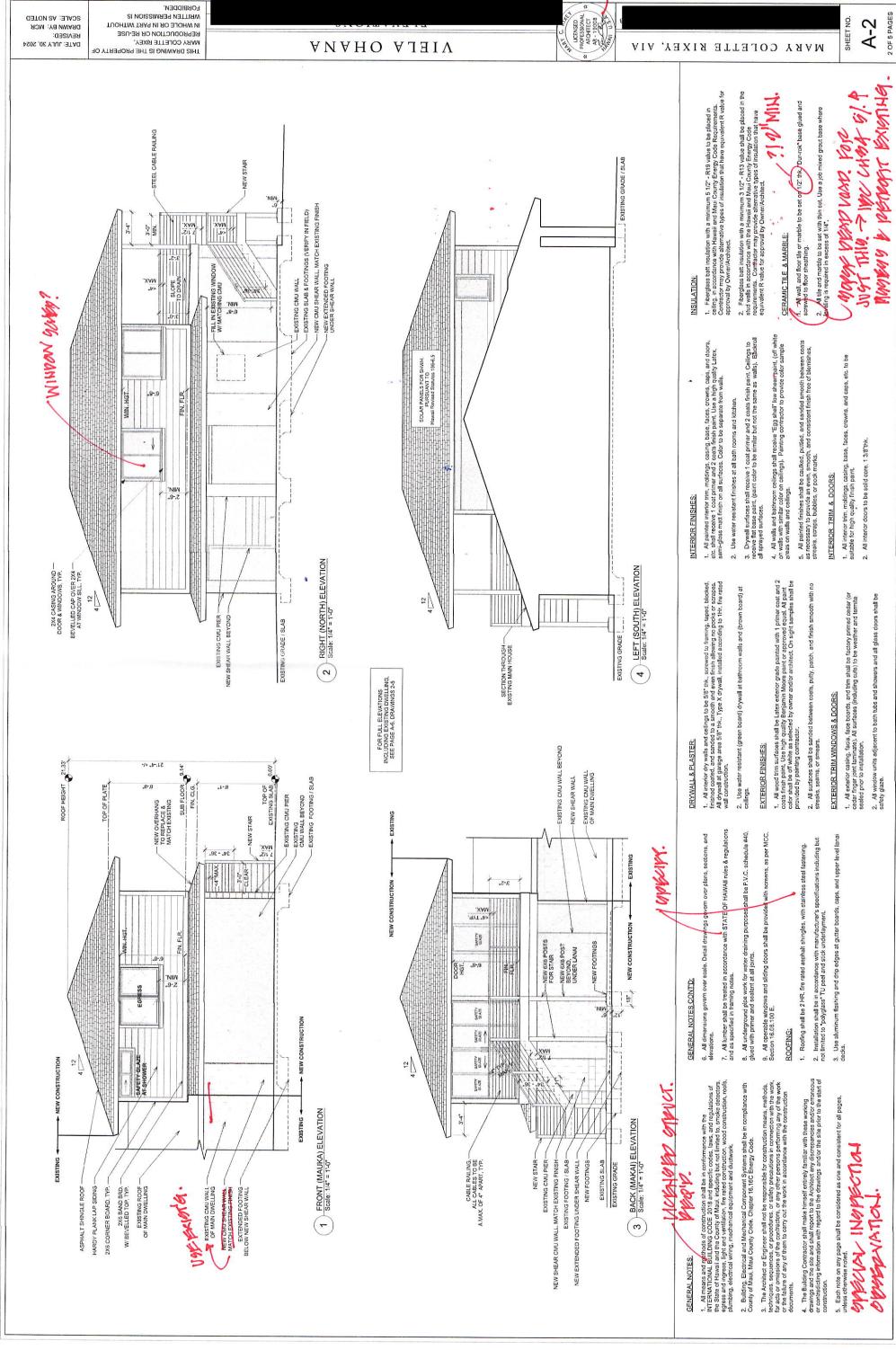
Mahalo, Sheena

Sheena Choy

Executive Officer Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Professional and Vocational Licensing Division P.O. Box 3469 Honolulu, HI 96801 Fax: (808) 586-2874



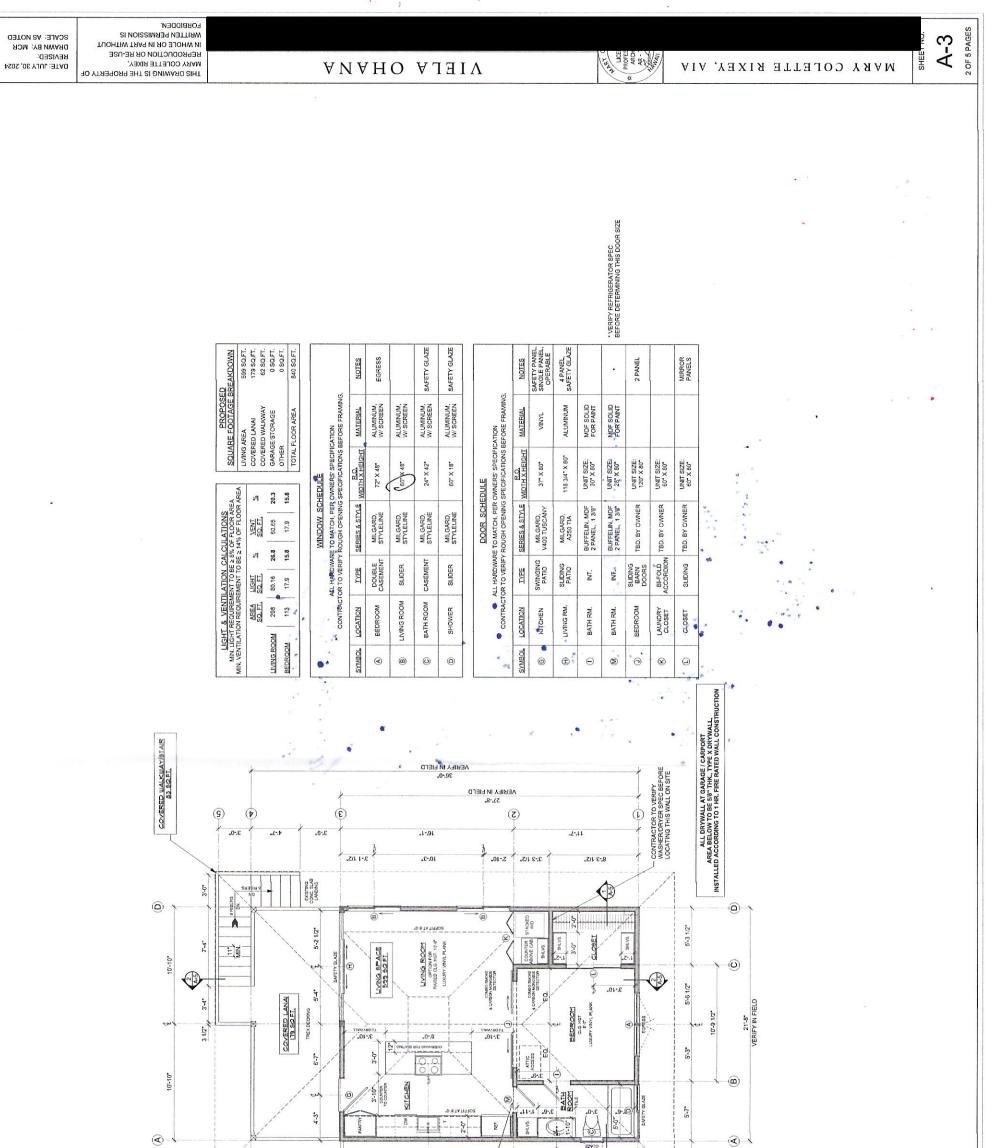
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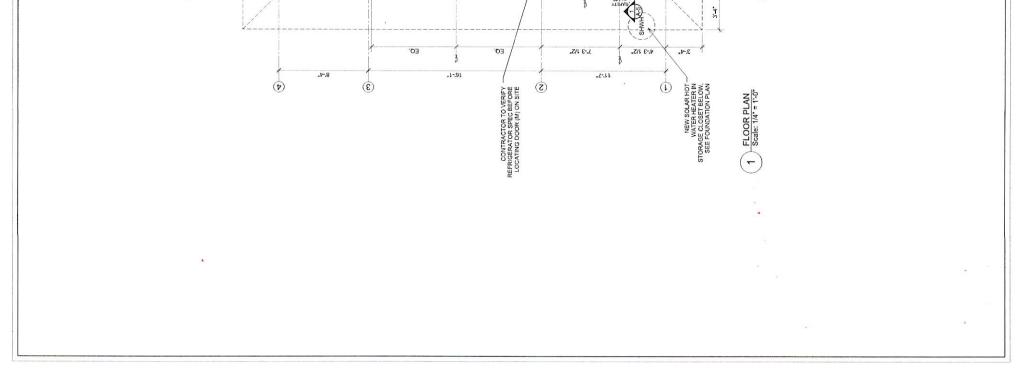


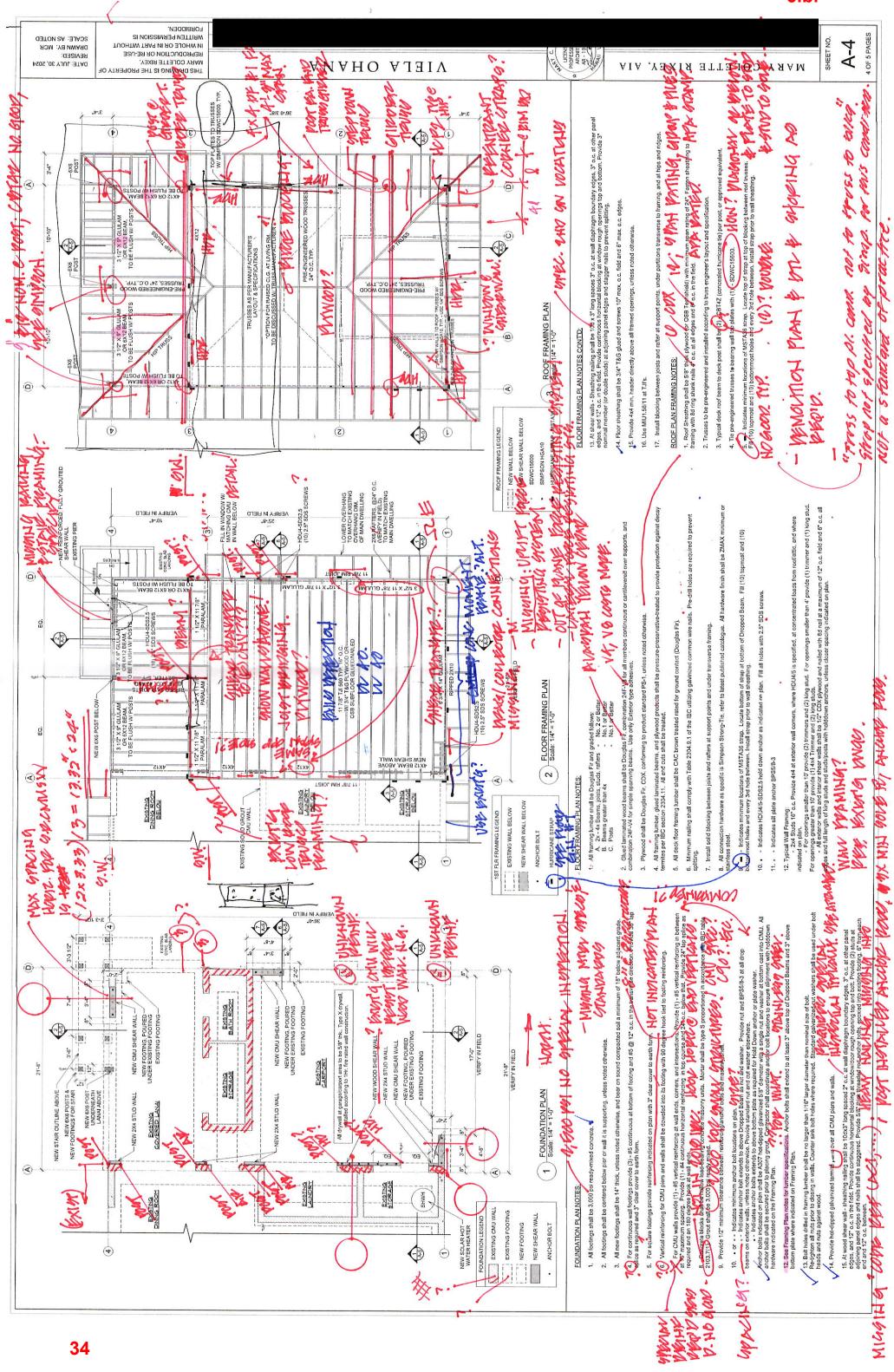
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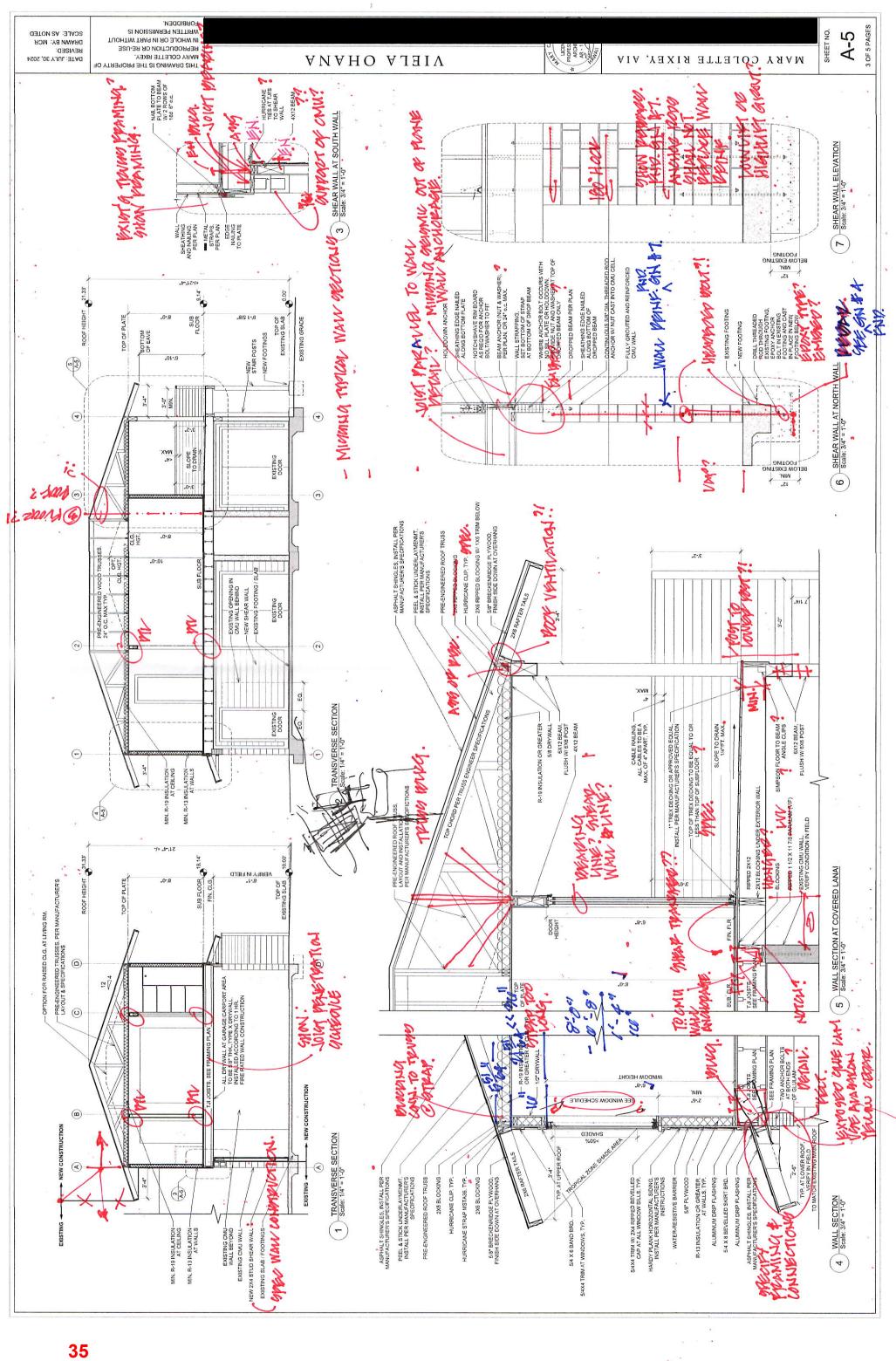
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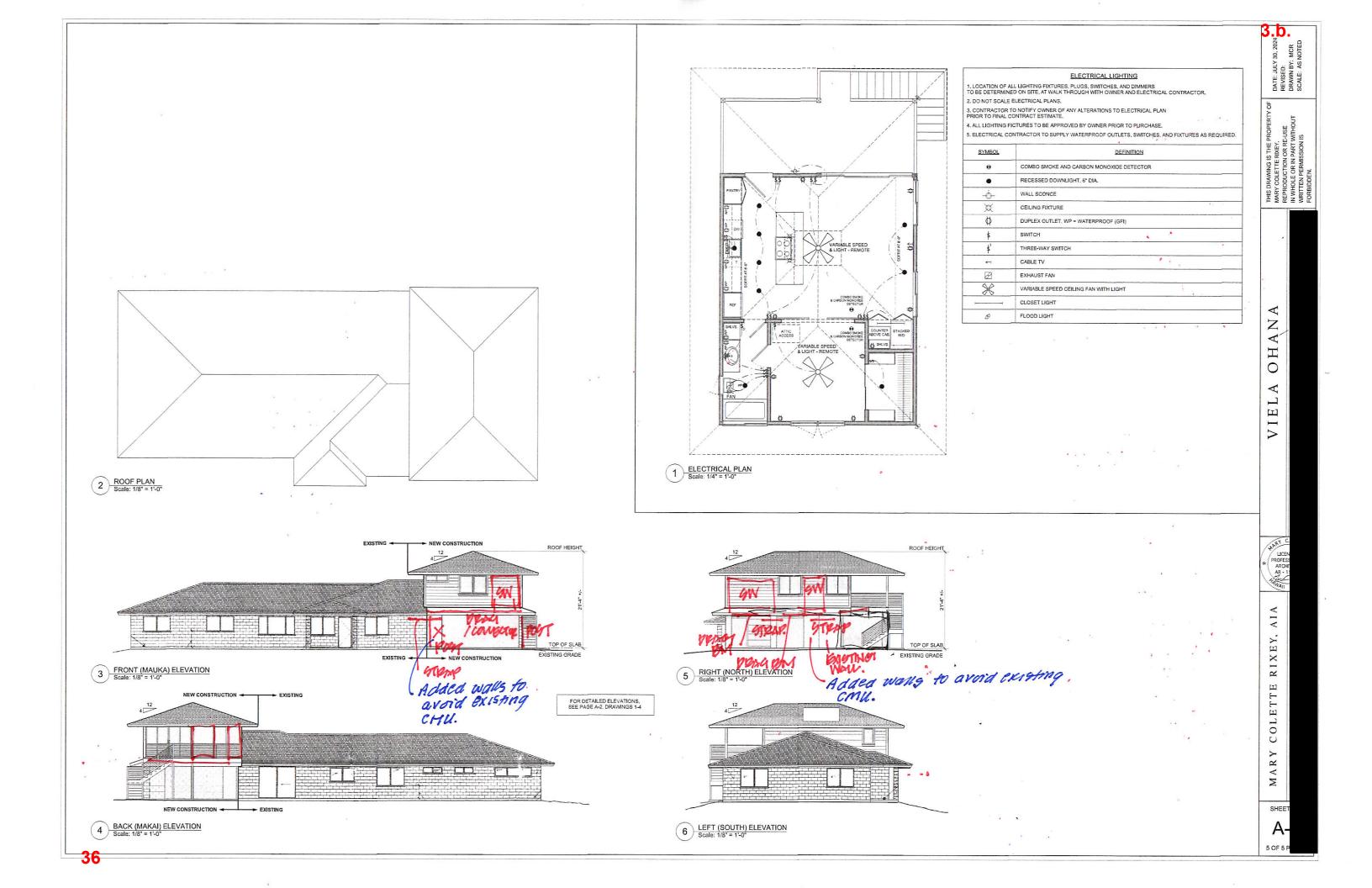




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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii board of 2 professional engineers, architects, surveyors, and landscape 3 architects (board) previously voted in favor of adopting a 4 uniform standard for landscape architecture licensure developed 5 in 2022 by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), of which the board is a member. CLARB is a 6 7 nonprofit organization that works to protect the public's 8 health, safety, and welfare by establishing and promoting 9 professional licensure standards for landscape architects. Its 10 members are the licensure boards across the United States and 11 Canada.

12 The legislature further finds that adopting uniform 13 standards for licensure would give the board the ability to 14 reduce the years of experience required for most applicants 15 seeking licensure while continuing to ensure the protection of 16 the public and environment throughout the State. Additionally,

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1	the Hawaii chapter of the American Society of Landscape
2	Architects supports adoption of these uniform standards.
3	Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to adopt uniform
4	standards for licensing requirements for the profession of
5	landscape architecture to create consistent requirements across
6	jurisdictions, improve mobility for landscape architects, and
7	provide increased access to the profession.
8	SECTION 2. Section 464-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
10	"(d) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a
11	professional landscape architect unless:
12	[(1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license
13	issued to the person by any jurisdiction, domestic or
14	foreign, in which the requirements for licensure at
15	the time the person was first licensed are of a
16	standard satisfactory to the board; provided that if
17	the board is in doubt as to whether the standards are
18	satisfactory, or as to whether the holder was required
19	to-fully comply with them, it shall-require that the
20	holder successfully pass the national landscape
21	architect licensing examination and a written

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1		examination, prescribed by the board designed to test
2		the-holder's knowledge-of-the-State's climatic
3		conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land
4		use ordinance and special management area
5		requirements, and cultural and historical conditions
6		affecting landscape architecture;
7	(2)	The person is the holder of a master's degree in
8		landscape architecture from an institution of higher
9		education approved by the board; is a graduate of a
10		school or college approved by the board as of
11		satisfactory standing and has completed a landscape
12		architectural curriculum of four years or more; has
13		had two years of full-time lawful experience in
14		landscape architecture work of a character
15		satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
16		which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof;
17		and has successfully passed the national landscape
18		architect licensing examination and a written
19		examination, prescribed by the board designed to test
20		the person's knowledge of the State's climatic
21		conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land

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1		use ordinance and special management area
2		requirements, and cultural and historical conditions
3	·	affecting landscape architecture;
4	(3)	The person is a graduate of a school or college
5		approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and
6		has completed a landscape architectural curriculum of
7		four years or more; has had three years of full-time
8		lawful experience in landscape architecture work of a
9		character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
10		experience which the board finds to be the equivalent
11		thereof; and has successfully passed the national
12		landscape architect licensing examination and a
13		written examination, prescribed by the board designed
14		to test the person's knowledge of the State's climatic
15		conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land
16		use ordinance and special management area
17		requirements, and cultural and historical conditions
18		affecting landscape architecture;
19	(4)	The person is a graduate of a school or college
20		approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and
21		has completed a pre-landscape architecture or arts and

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1		science curriculum of four years or more; has had five
2		years of full-time lawful experience in landscape
3		architecture work of a character satisfactory to the
4		board, or part-time experience which the board finds
5		to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully
6		passed the national landscape architect licensing
7		examination and a written examination, prescribed by
8		the board designed to test the person's knowledge of
9		the State's climatic conditions, native plants and
10		native ecosystems, land use ordinance and special
11		management area requirements, and cultural and
12		historical conditions affecting landscape
13		architecture; or
14	(5)	The person has had twelve years of full-time lawful
15		experience in landscape architecture work of a
16		character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
17		experience which the board finds to be the equivalent
18		thercof; and has successfully passed the national
19		landscape architect licensing examination and a
20		written examination, prescribed by the board designed
21		to test the person's knowledge of the State's climatic

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1		conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land
2		use ordinance and special management area
3		requirements, and cultural and historical conditions
4		affecting landscape architecture.
5	(6)] <u>(1)</u>	The person satisfies the requirements for licensure by
6		endorsement prescribed by the board; or
7	(2)	The person is the holder of a degree in landscape
8		architecture from a school or college approved by the
9		board and has satisfied the examination and lawful
10		experience requirements prescribed by the board.
11	The appli	cant shall also certify on the application that the
12	applicant	has read, understood, and agrees to comply with the
13	laws and	rules that the board determines are required for
14	licensure	
15	In a	ddition to the foregoing requirements, the board, in
16	its discr	etion, may also require additional proof that the
17	applicant	is competent to practice professionally, and whenever
18	the board	is not fully satisfied from the results of an
19	examinati	on that any applicant is competent to practice
20	professio	nally, it may give the applicant a further examination

21 or examinations.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 207, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, authorized the establishment of design 2 3 claims conciliation panels to protect design professionals 4 against frivolous lawsuits. Under chapter 672B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the definition of design professional includes a 5 6 professional engineer, architect, surveyor, or landscape 7 architect licensed under chapter 464, Hawaii Revised Statutes 8 (chapter 464).

9 The legislature further finds that under chapter 464, the 10 professional services provided by architects and professional 11 engineers involve the safequarding of life, health, or property. 12 However, under chapter 464, the professional service provided by 13 a land surveyor does not. Rather, land surveyors are those who 14 practice land surveying, which is defined in part as involving 15 "the application of specialized knowledge of the principles of mathematics, the physical and applied sciences, and the act of 16 17 measuring, locating, establishing, or reestablishing lines,



1 angles, elevations, [and] natural and manmade features on the 2 surface and immediate subsurface of the earth ... for the 3 purpose of determining ... [the] legal or geodetic location or 4 relocation, or orientation of improved or unimproved real 5 property...."

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish a statute of repose 7 for professional land surveyors by prohibiting the commencement 8 of a civil action if ten years has elapsed since the latter of 9 the completion of a contract or final payment for land surveying 10 work.

SECTION 2. Chapter 464, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

14 "<u>\$464-</u> Professional land surveyors; contract; statute
15 of repose. No civil action shall be commenced against a
16 professional land surveyor if ten years has elapsed since the
17 latter of the date of completion of a contract or final payment
18 for professional land surveying work."
19 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title: Professional Land Surveyors; Statute of Repose

Description:

Establishes a ten year statute of repose for land surveyors, after which time a complaint for a civil action cannot be made.

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1	No person shall be eligible for licensure as a professional
2	engineer, architect, land surveyor, or landscape architect if
3	the person does not possess a history of honesty, truthfulness,
4	financial integrity, and fair dealing."
5	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
7	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Landscape Architecture Licensing Requirements

Description:

Adopts a uniform standard for landscape architecture licensure developed by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

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1 angles, elevations, [and] natural and manmade features on the 2 surface and immediate subsurface of the earth . . . for the 3 purpose of determining . . . [the] legal or geodetic location or 4 relocation, or orientation of improved or unimproved real 5 property . . .".

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16 professional land surveyor if ten years has elapsed since the

17 latter of the date of completion of a contract or final payment

- 18 for professional land surveying work."
- **19** SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

Professional Land Surveyors; Statute of Repose

Description:

Establishes a statute of repose prohibiting the commencement of a civil action against a professional land surveyor if ten years has elapsed since the latter of the date of completion of a contract or final payment for land surveying work.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:
1	PART I
2	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
3	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
4	as follows:
5	"CHAPTER
6	STATE ARCHITECT
7	§ -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:
8	"State agency" means any office, department, board,
9	commission, bureau, division, public corporation, agency, or
10	instrumentality of the State.
11	"State lands" means all land owned by the State through any
12	state agency.
13	§ -2 State architect; office established; appointment,
14	tenure, removal; requirements; salary. (a) There is
15	established within the department of accounting and general
16	services the office of the state architect, which shall be
17	headed by a full-time state architect to organize, manage, and

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oversee the design review of all state construction projects and
 issue design approvals before any state construction project
 commences. The state architect shall be appointed by the
 governor as provided in section 26-34. The state architect
 shall report to the comptroller.

6 (b) No person shall be eligible for the position of state
7 architect who has not held, for at least five years immediately
8 preceding the date of appointment, a valid license under chapter
9 464.

10 (c) The state architect shall not engage in the private
11 practice of professional architecture or act in a managing
12 capacity in any private business or enterprise.

13 (d) The salary of the state architect shall be established14 by the governor.

15 § -3 Duties and responsibilities. The state architect
16 shall have general charge and oversight of the design review of
17 all state construction projects. The state architect shall:
18 (1) Review all plans, drawings, specifications, and any
19 other documents necessary for state construction
20 projects;



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Ensure conformance with all building codes or county, 1 (2) 2 national, or international prescriptive construction 3 standards, including construction, electrical, energy conservation, plumbing, and sidewalk standards, as 4 5 applicable; 6 (3) Issue design approvals for all state construction 7 projects before construction commences; and (4) Assign an inspector to each state construction project 8 9 for the purpose of observing the work of construction. 10 -4 Assistance and staff. The state architect may S 11 employ or contract with qualified architects and engineers as 12 necessary, without regard to chapter 76, to carry out the duties 13 and responsibilities established by this chapter. -5 Costs for services; fees. The cost of all design 14 S 15 review services performed by the office of the state architect 16 for a state agency shall be determined by the state architect. 17 In addition, the state architect may set, charge, and collect 18 reasonable fees, without regard to chapter 91, in an amount 19 sufficient to defray the cost of processing design approvals.

All payments shall be deposited with the state architect to the

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credit of the design review special fund established under 1 2 section -6. -6 Design review special fund. (a) There is 3 8 established in the treasury of the State the design review 4 special fund to be administered and expended by the state 5 6 architect for the purposes of this chapter. 7 The following shall be deposited into the design (b) review special fund: 8 9 Payments for services provided to state agencies (1) 10 pursuant to this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to 11 this chapter; 12 (2) Appropriations made by the legislature to the special 13 fund; and 14 (3) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special 15 fund. Moneys on balance in the design review special fund at 16 (C) 17 the close of each fiscal year shall remain in the special fund 18 and shall not lapse to the credit of the general fund. 19 -7 Administrative rules. No later than December 31, S 2026, the comptroller, in consultation with the state architect, 20



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1	(2)	Report to the governor and to each regular session of
2		the legislature as to the finances of each department
3		of the State;
4	(3)	Administer the state risk management program;
5	(4)	Establish and manage motor pools;
6	(5)	Manage the preservation and disposal of all records of
7		the State;
8	(6)	Undertake the program of centralized engineering and
9		office leasing services, including operation and
10		maintenance and lease buyback processing pursuant to
11		subsection (d) of public buildings, for departments of
12		the State;
13	(7)	Undertake the functions of the state surveyor;
14	(8)	Establish accounting and internal control systems;
15	(9)	Have the discretion to employ persons within the
16		comptroller's office who shall be exempt from chapters
17		76 and 89 in support of communications, change
18		management, and business process improvement programs
19		as part of the State's information technology
20		modernization efforts; provided that the persons shall
21		be members of the state employees' retirement system



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1		and s	shall be eligible to receive the benefits of any		
2		state	state employee benefit program generally applicable to		
3		offic	cers and employees of the State;		
4	(10)	Provi	ide centralized computer information management		
5		and p	processing services through the chief information		
6		offic	cer;		
7	(11)	Estal	olish a program to provide a means for public		
8		acces	ss to public information and develop an		
9		info	rmation network for state government;		
10	(12)	Assun	ne administrative responsibility for the office of		
11		info	rmation practices; [and]		
12	(13)	Appro	ove state fleet acquisitions; provided that:		
13		(A)	Beginning January 1, 2022, all new light-duty		
14			motor vehicles that are passenger cars purchased		
15			for the State's fleet shall be zero-emission		
16			vehicles;		
17		(B)	Beginning as soon as practicable but no later		
18			than January 1, 2030, all new light-duty motor		
19			vehicles that are multipurpose passenger vehicles		
20			and trucks for the State's fleet shall be zero-		
21			emission vehicles; and		



1	(C) The comptroller may authorize an exemption for
2	new fleet vehicle purchases if zero-emission
3	vehicles are demonstrated to be cost-prohibitive
4	on a lifecycle basis or unsuitable for the
5	vehicles' planned purpose, or if funds are
6	unavailable [-] ; and
7	(14) Provide exclusive centralized design review services
8	for state construction projects and issue design
9	approvals through the state architect.
10	For the purposes of this subsection:
11	"Light-duty motor vehicle" has the same meaning as defined
12	in title 10 Code of Federal Regulations part 490.
13	"Multipurpose passenger vehicle" has the same meaning as
14	defined in title 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 571.3.
15	"Passenger car" has the same meaning as defined in title 49
16	Code of Federal Regulations section 571.3.
17	"Truck" has the same meaning as defined in title 49 Code of
18	Federal Regulations section 571.3.
19	"Zero-emission vehicle" has the same meaning as specified
20	in title 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 88.1."
21	PART II



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1	SECTION 3. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2	by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3	read as follows:
4	"§46- County building permit, inspection, and
5	certificate of occupancy requirements; exemption; state
6	construction projects. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to
7	the contrary, state construction projects shall be exempt from
8	county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy
9	requirements when compliant with applicable building codes or
10	county, national, or international prescriptive construction
11	standards, including construction, electrical, energy
12	conservation, plumbing, and sidewalk standards, as applicable,
13	as determined by the State architect pursuant to chapter .
14	(b) Nothing in this section shall relieve any state
15	construction project from the laws, ordinances, rules, and
16	regulations of the State and county or any departments or boards
17	thereof with respect to the construction, operation, and
18	maintenance of the state construction project, compliance with
19	master plans or zoning laws or regulations, compliance with
20	building and health codes and other laws, ordinances, or rules



1	and regulations of similar nature applicable to the state
2	construction project.
3	(c) As used in this section:
4	"State agency" means any office, department, board,
5	commission, bureau, division, public corporation, agency, or
6	instrumentality of the State.
7	"State construction project" means any undertaking of work
8	or improvement of state lands or any interest therein,
9	developed, acquired, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated,
10	improved, altered, or repaired by a state agency.
11	"State lands" means all land owned by the State through any
12	state agency."
13	PART III
14	SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
15	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
17	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18	year 2026-2027 to be deposited into the design review special
19	fund.
20	SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the design review
21	special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be



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1 necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum or so much 2 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the 3 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) state 4 architect position pursuant to this Act and full-time 5 equivalent (FTE) positions within the office of the state 6 architect, for the administration and implementation of this 7 Act, and other associated administrative costs.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 9 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act. 10 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

Governor; DAGS; Office of the State Architect; State Architect; State Construction Projects; Design Approvals; Design Review Special Fund; County Building Permit, Inspection, and Certificate of Occupancy Requirements; Exemptions; Report; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes the Office of the State Architect within the Department of Accounting and General Services to be headed by the State Architect. Authorizes the State Architect to organize, manage, and oversee the design review of all state construction projects and issue design approvals. Establishes the Design Review Special Fund. Requires the State Architect to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature. Authorizes DAGS to provide centralized design review services for state construction projects and issue design approvals through the State Architect. Exempts state construction projects from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements, subject to certain conditions. Makes appropriations.

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H.B. NO. **971**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:
1	PART I
2	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
3	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
4	as follows:
5	"CHAPTER
6	STATE ARCHITECT
7	§ -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:
8	"State agency" means any office, department, board,
9	commission, bureau, division, public corporation, agency, or
10	instrumentality of the State.
11 ,	"State lands" means all land owned by the State through any
12	state agency.
13	§ -2 State architect; office established; appointment,
14	tenure, removal; requirements; salary. (a) There is
15	established within the department of accounting and general
16	services the office of the state architect, which shall be
17	headed by a full-time state architect to organize, manage, and



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oversee the design review of all state construction projects and
 issue design approvals before any state construction project
 commences. The state architect shall be appointed by the
 governor as provided in section 26-34. The state architect
 shall report to the comptroller.

6 (b) No person shall be eligible for the position of state
7 architect who has not held, for at least five years immediately
8 preceding the date of appointment, a valid license under chapter
9 464.

10 (c) The state architect shall not engage in the private
11 practice of professional architecture or act in a managing
12 capacity in any private business or enterprise.

13. (d) The salary of the state architect shall be established14 by the governor.

15 § -3 Duties and responsibilities. The state architect
16 shall have general charge and oversight of the design review of
17 all state construction projects. The state architect shall:
18 (1) Review all plans, drawings, specifications, and any
19 other documents necessary for state construction
20 projects;



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(2) Ensure conformance with all building codes or county,
 national, or international prescriptive construction
 standards, including construction, electrical, energy
 conservation, plumbing, and sidewalk standards, as
 applicable;

6 (3) Issue design approvals for all state construction
7 projects before construction commences; and

8 (4) Assign an inspector to each state construction project
9 for the purpose of observing the work of construction.
10 \$ -4 Assistance and staff. The state architect may
11 employ or contract with qualified architects and engineers as
12 necessary, without regard to chapter 76, to carry out the duties

13 and responsibilities established by this chapter.

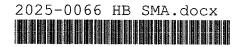
14 § -5 Costs for services; fees. The cost of all design
15 review services performed by the office of the state architect
16 for a state agency shall be determined by the state architect.
17 In addition, the state architect may set, charge, and collect
18 reasonable fees, without regard to chapter 91, in an amount
19 sufficient to defray the cost of processing design approvals.
20 All payments shall be deposited with the state architect to the



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1 credit of the design review special fund established under 2 section -6. 3 S -6 Design review special fund. (a) There is 4 established in the treasury of the State the design review 5 special fund to be administered and expended by the state architect for the purposes of this chapter. 6 7 (b) The following shall be deposited into the design review special fund: 8 9 (1)Payments for services provided to state agencies 10 pursuant to this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to 11 this chapter; 12 (2)Appropriations made by the legislature to the special 13 fund; and 14 (3) Interest earned or accrued on moneys in the special 15 fund. 16 Moneys on balance in the design review special fund at (C) 17 the close of each fiscal year shall remain in the special fund 18 and shall not lapse to the credit of the general fund. 19 S -7 Administrative rules. No later than December 31, 2026, the comptroller, in consultation with the state architect, 20



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1 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate the 2 purposes of this chapter. 3 S -8 Annual report. The state architect shall prepare 4 and submit an annual report to the governor and legislature no 5 later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular 6 session. The report shall include: 7 (1) A summary describing the activities of the office of 8 the state architect, including but not limited to a 9 list and description of each state construction project that received a design approval during the 10 11 preceding fiscal year; and 12 A financial report on the status of the design review (2) 13 special fund." 14 SECTION 2. Section 26-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 15 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 16 "(b) The department shall: 17 Preaudit and conduct after-the-fact audits of the (1) 18 financial accounts of all state departments to 19 determine the legality of expenditures and the 20 accuracy of accounts;

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1	(2)	Report to the governor and to each regular session of
2		the legislature as to the finances of each department
3		of the State;
4	(3)	Administer the state risk management program;
5	(4)	Establish and manage motor pools;
6	(5)	Manage the preservation and disposal of all records of
7		the State;
8	(6)	Undertake the program of centralized engineering and
9		office leasing services, including operation and
10		maintenance and lease buyback processing pursuant to
11		subsection (d) of public buildings, for departments of
12		the State;
13	(7)	Undertake the functions of the state surveyor;
14	(8)	Establish accounting and internal control systems;
15	(9)	Have the discretion to employ persons within the
16		comptroller's office who shall be exempt from chapters
17		76 and 89 in support of communications, change
18		management, and business process improvement programs
19		as part of the State's information technology
20		modernization efforts; provided that the persons shall
21		be members of the state employees' retirement system



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1		and	shall be eligible to receive the benefits of any
2		stat	e employee benefit program generally applicable to
3		offi	cers and employees of the State;
4	(10)	Prov	ide centralized computer information management
5		and	processing services through the chief information
6		offi	cer;
7	(11)	Esta	blish a program to provide a means for public
8		acce	ss to public information and develop an
9		info	rmation network for state government;
10	(12)	Assu	me administrative responsibility for the office of
11		info	rmation practices; [and]
12	(13)	Appr	ove state fleet acquisitions; provided that:
13		(A)	Beginning January 1, 2022, all new light-duty
14			motor vehicles that are passenger cars purchased
15			for the State's fleet shall be zero-emission
16			vehicles;
17		(B)	Beginning as soon as practicable but no later
18			than January 1, 2030, all new light-duty motor
19			vehicles that are multipurpose passenger vehicles
20			and trucks for the State's fleet shall be zero-
21			emission vehicles; and

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1	(C) The comptroller may authorize an exemption for
2	new fleet vehicle purchases if zero-emission
3	vehicles are demonstrated to be cost-prohibitive
4	on a lifecycle basis or unsuitable for the
5	vehicles' planned purpose, or if funds are
6	unavailable[+]; and
7	(14) Provide exclusive centralized design review services
8	for state construction projects and issue design
9	approvals through the state architect.
10	For the purposes of this subsection:
11	"Light-duty motor vehicle" has the same meaning as defined
12	in title 10 Code of Federal Regulations part 490.
13	"Multipurpose passenger vehicle" has the same meaning as
14	defined in title 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 571.3.
15	"Passenger car" has the same meaning as defined in title 49
16	Code of Federal Regulations section 571.3.
17	"Truck" has the same meaning as defined in title 49 Code of
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19	"Zero-emission vehicle" has the same meaning as specified
20	in title 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 88.1."
21	PART II



1	SECTION 3. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2	by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3	read as follows:
4	"§46- County building permit, inspection, and
5	certificate of occupancy requirements; exemption; state
6	construction projects. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to
7	the contrary, state construction projects shall be exempt from
8	county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy
9	requirements when compliant with applicable building codes or
10	county, national, or international prescriptive construction
11	standards, including construction, electrical, energy
12	conservation, plumbing, and sidewalk standards, as applicable,
13	as determined by the State architect pursuant to chapter .
14	(b) Nothing in this section shall relieve any state
15	construction project from the laws, ordinances, rules, and
16	regulations of the State and county or any departments or boards
17	thereof with respect to the construction, operation, and
18	maintenance of the state construction project, compliance with
19	master plans or zoning laws or regulations, compliance with
20	building and health codes and other laws, ordinances, or rules



1	and regulations of similar nature applicable to the state
2	construction project.
3	(c) As used in this section:
4	"State agency" means any office, department, board,
5	commission, bureau, division, public corporation, agency, or
6	instrumentality of the State.
7	"State construction project" means any undertaking of work
8	or improvement of state lands or any interest therein,
9	developed, acquired, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated,
10	improved, altered, or repaired by a state agency.
11	"State lands" means all land owned by the State through any
12	state agency."
13	PART III
14	SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
15	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
17	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18	year 2026-2027 to be deposited into the design review special
19	fund.
20	SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the design review
21	special fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be

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1 necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the same sum or so much 2 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the 3 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) state 4 architect position pursuant to this Act and full-time 5 equivalent (FTE) positions within the office of the state architect, for the administration and implementation of this 6 7 Act, and other associated administrative costs. 8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 9 of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act. 10 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 12 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025. 13

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Report Title:

Governor; DAGS; Office of the State Architect; State Architect; State Construction Projects; Design Approvals; Design Review Special Fund; County Building Permit, Inspection, and Certificate of Occupancy Requirements; Exemptions; Report; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes the Office of the State Architect within the Department of Accounting and General Services to be headed by the State Architect. Authorizes the State Architect to organize, manage, and oversee the design review of all state construction projects and issue design approvals. Establishes the Design Review Special Fund. Requires the State Architect to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature. Authorizes DAGS to provide centralized design review services for state construction projects and issue design approvals through the State Architect. Exempts state construction projects from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements, subject to certain conditions. Makes appropriations.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 97, Session Laws
 of Hawaii 2015, requires electric utilities in the State to
 achieve a one hundred per cent renewable portfolio standard by
 December 31, 2045, to transition the State away from imported
 fossil fuels and toward locally available renewable energy
 sources.

7 The legislature further finds that to encourage the timely 8 build-out of a diverse, resilient, and reliable portfolio of 9 low-cost renewable energy generation and storage assets, Hawaii 10 must lower the administrative barriers that constrain deployment 11 of residential and commercial-scale distributed energy 12 resources.

13 The legislature further finds that existing permitting 14 processes can add substantial time and cost to the adoption of 15 residential solar and energy storage projects and that online 16 permitting tools such as the United States Department of 17 Energy's SolarAPP+ have been successfully implemented by



hundreds of government entities that issue building permits
 throughout the nation. The Legislature finds that Hawaii's
 permit-issuing government entities should similarly take
 advantage of these tools to help meet the State's clean energy,
 reliability, and resilience needs.

6 The purpose of this Act is to reduce administrative 7 barriers to the deployment of energy generation and storage 8 technology systems by: (1) Requiring government entities in the 9 State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+, or a 10 functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform, 11 that processes and issues permits to licensed contractors for 12 solar distributed energy resource systems in real time by 13 January 1, 2026; and

14 (2) Requiring government entities in the State that issue 15 building permits in areas served by an investor-owned electric 16 utility to adopt a self-certification process for solar 17 distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ 18 compatible.

SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
designated and to read as follows:



1	" <u>§19</u>	6-A Building permits; issuing entities; adoption of
2	online au	tomated permitting platform; solar distributed energy
3	resource	systems. (a) Any government entity in the State that
4	issues bu	ailding permits shall:
5	(1)	By January 1, 2026, implement SolarAPP+ or a
6		functionally equivalent online automated permitting
7		platform that processes and issues permits to licensed
8		contractors for solar distributed energy resource
9		systems in real time; provided that the government
10		entity shall adopt a self-certification process
11		pursuant to section 196-B for solar distributed energy
12		resource systems that are not compatible with
13		SolarAPP+, or a functional online equivalent, at the
14		time the permit application is submitted to the
15		government entity;
16	(2)	Notify the Hawaii state energy office when it achieves
17		compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1); and
18	(3)	Submit annual notifications of its compliance with the
19		requirements of paragraph (1) to the Hawaii state
20		energy office.



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1	(b) In issuing building permits in compliance with
2	subsection (a), the applicable government entity in the State
3	may promote the use of labor standards, including but not
4	limited to living wages, benefits, and requirements for
5	participation in state-approved apprenticeship programs.
6	(c) As used in this section:
7	"SolarAPP+" means the web-based portal and associated
8	software tools developed by the National Renewable Energy
9	Laboratory, as updated from time to time.
10	"Solar distributed energy resource system" means an
11	assembly of solar energy-generating or energy-storing materials,
12	or any combined assembly of solar energy-generating and energy-
13	storing materials, and the related infrastructure necessary for
14	its operation.
15	<u>§196-B</u> Adoption of self-certification for solar
16	distributed energy resource systems; permit; approval; notice.
17	(a) Any government entity in the State that issues building
18	permits in any area of the State served by an investor-owned
19	electric utility shall establish a self-certification process
20	for residential and commercial on-site solar distributed energy
21	resource systems that deems permit applications approved and



1	allows ap	plicants to proceed to build immediately; provided that
2	the gover	nment entity receives written notice from:
3	(1)	The project owner, or an agent of the project owner,
4		that the owner or agent requests issuance of the
5		permit and is prepared to pay any required fees; and
6	(2)	The duly licensed architect, duly licensed engineer,
7		duly licensed electrician, or duly licensed plumber,
8		as applicable, who intends to install the solar
9		distributed energy resource system that the
10		installation of the system complies with all
11		applicable codes and laws.
12	(b)	A permit application or self-certification for a solar
13	distribut	ed energy resource system shall not require submission
14	of an app	roved materials and methods number; provided that the
15	following	are submitted with the license holder's written
16	notificat	ion pursuant to subsection (a):
17	(1)	A manufacturer specification sheet;
18	(2)	An installation and operations manual; and
19	(3)	A UL or other national testing laboratory
20		certification.



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1	(c) If the requirements of subsection (a) are satisfied,
2	the applicable government entity in the State that issues
3	building permits shall issue the building permit number and
4	close the permit within thirty days of submittal.
5	(d) As used in this section, "solar distributed energy
6	resource system" has the same meaning as defined in section
7	<u>196-A.</u> "
8	SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by
9	section 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
10	appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
11	the new sections in this Act.
12	SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
13	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Solar Distributed Energy Resource Systems; Building Permits; Online Automated Permitting Platform; Self-Certification Process

Description:

Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real-time by 1/1/2026. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits in areas served by an investor-owned electric utility to adopt a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible.

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THE SENATE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 701

JAN 1 7 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 97, Session Laws
 of Hawaii 2015, requires electric utilities in the State to
 achieve a one hundred per cent renewable portfolio standard by
 December 31, 2045, in order to transition the State away from
 imported fossil fuels and toward locally available renewable
 energy sources.

7 The legislature further finds that to encourage the timely 8 build-out of a diverse, resilient, and reliable portfolio of 9 low-cost renewable energy generation and storage assets, the 10 State must lower the administrative barriers that constrain 11 deployment of residential and commercial-scale distributed 12 energy resources.

13 The legislature further finds that the existing permitting 14 processes can add substantial time and cost to the adoption of 15 residential solar and energy storage projects and that online 16 permitting tools such as the United States Department of 17 Energy's SolarAPP+ have been successfully implemented by

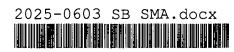


1 hundreds of government entities that issue building permits 2 throughout the nation. The legislature finds that the State's 3 permit-issuing government entities should similarly take 4 advantage of these tools to help meet the State's clean energy, 5 reliability, and resilience needs. 6 The purpose of this Act is to reduce administrative 7 barriers to the deployment of energy generation and storage 8 technology systems by requiring: 9 (1) Government entities in the State that issue building 10 permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally 11 equivalent online automated permitting platform that 12 processes and issues permits to licensed contractors 13 for solar distributed energy resource systems in real 14 time by January 1, 2026; and 15 (2) Government entities in the State that issue building 16 permits in areas served by an investor-owned electric 17 utility to adopt a self-certification process for 18 solar distributed energy resource systems that are not 19 SolarAPP+ compatible.



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7	issues building permits shall:	
8	(1) By January 1, 2026, implement SolarAPP+ or a	
9	functionally equivalent online automated permitting	
10	platform that processes and issues permits to licensed	
11	contractors for solar distributed energy resource	
12	systems in real-time; provided that the government	
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15	resource systems that are not compatible with	
16	SolarAPP+ or any functional online equivalent at the	
17	time the permit application is submitted to the	
18	government entity;	
19	(2) Notify the Hawaii state energy office when it achieves	
20	compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1); and	



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1	(3)	Submit annual notifications of its compliance with the
2		requirements of paragraph (1) to the Hawaii state
3		energy_office.
4	(b)	In issuing building permits in compliance with
5	subsectio	n (a), the applicable government entity in the State
6	may promo	te the use of labor standards, including but not
7	limited t	o living wages, benefits, and requirements for
8	participa	tion in state-approved apprenticeship programs.
9	<u>(c)</u>	For the purposes of this section:
10	<u>"Sol</u>	ar distributed energy resource system" means an
11	assembly	of solar energy-generating or energy-storing materials,
12	or any co	mbined assembly of solar energy-generating and energy-
13	storing m	aterials, and the related infrastructure necessary for
14	its opera	tion.
15	"Sol	arAPP+" means the web-based portal and associated
16	software	tools developed by the National Renewable Energy
17	Laborator	y, as updated from time to time.
18	<u>§196</u>	-B Adoption of self-certification for solar
19	distribut	ed energy resource systems; permit approval; notice.
20	(a) Any	government entity in the State that issues building
21	permits i	n any area of the State served by an investor-owned



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1	electric	utility shall establish a self-certification process
2	for resid	ential and commercial on-site solar distributed energy
3	resource	systems that deems permit applications approved and
4	allows ap	plicants to proceed to build immediately; provided that
5	the gover	nment entity receives written notice from:
6	(1)	The project owner, or an agent of the project owner,
7		that the owner or agent requests issuance of the
8		permit and is prepared to pay any required fees; and
9	(2)	The duly licensed architect, duly licensed engineer,
10		duly licensed electrician, or duly licensed plumber,
11		as applicable, who intends to install the solar
12		distributed energy resource system, that the
13		installation of the system complies with all
14		applicable codes and laws.
15	(b)	A permit application or self-certification for a solar
16	distribut	ed energy resource system shall not require submission
17	of an app	roved materials and methods number; provided that the
18	following	are submitted with the license holder's written
19	notificat	ion pursuant to subsection (a):
20	(1)	A manufacturer specification sheet;
21	(2)	An installation and operations manual; and



1	(3) A UL or other national testing laboratory
2	certification.
3	(c) If the requirements of subsection (a) are satisfied,
4	the applicable government entity in the State that issues
5	building permits shall issue the building permit number and
6	close the permit within thirty days of submittal.
7	(d) For the purposes of this section, "solar distributed
8	energy resource system" has the same meaning as defined in
9	section 196-A."
10	SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by
11	section 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
12	appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
13	the new sections in this Act.
14	SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
15	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Solar Distributed Energy Resource Systems; Building Permits; Online Automated Permitting Platform; Self-Certification Process

Description:

Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real-time by 1/1/2026. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits in areas served by an investor-owned electric utility to adopt a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 97, Session Laws
 of Hawaii 2015, requires electric utilities in the State to
 achieve a one hundred per cent renewable portfolio standard by
 December 31, 2045, to transition the State away from imported
 fossil fuels and toward locally available renewable energy
 sources.

7 The legislature further finds that to encourage the timely 8 build-out of a diverse, resilient, and reliable portfolio of 9 low-cost renewable energy generation and storage assets, Hawaii 10 must lower the administrative barriers that constrain deployment 11 of residential and commercial-scale distributed energy 12 resources.

13 The legislature further finds that the permitting review 14 process currently adds substantial time and cost to the adoption 15 of residential solar and energy storage projects and that self-16 certification by duly licensed design professionals can





1 significantly reduce this time, cost, and administrative burden without sacrificing public health and safety. 2 3 The legislature further finds that unnecessary and 4 misapplied rules in federally designated flood zones add undue time and cost to the installation of affordable and reliable 5 renewable energy systems in vulnerable frontline communities, 6 7 significantly hampering efforts to bolster their resiliency and 8 protection from risk. 9 The purpose of this Act is to reduce administrative 10 barriers to the deployment of energy generation and storage 11 technology systems by requiring government entities in the State 12 to implement permitting self-certification and streamlined, 13 common-sense permitting processes in federally designated flood 14 zones real time by 15 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately 17 designated and to read as follows: 18 "§196- Self-certification; solar projects; energy 19 storage projects. (a) Any government entity in the State that 20 issues building permits shall establish a self-certification 21 process for behind-the-meter, customer-sited solar distributed



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1	energy re	source systems that deems permit applications approved
2	and allow	as applicants to proceed to build the solar distributed
3	energy re	source system immediately; provided that the government
4	entity re	ceives written notice from:
5	(1)	The project owner, or an agent of the project owner,
6		that the owner or agent requests issuance of the
7		permit and is prepared to pay any required fees; and
8	(2)	The projects' relevant professionals are licensed in
9		their respective fields and that the installation of
10		the project shall comply with all applicable codes and
11		laws.
12	(b)	The self-certification process shall allow a project's
13	relevant	professionals to conduct permit reviews and inspections
14	using com	mercially available software and the professionals'
15	approvals	shall be accepted without additional documentation;
16	provided	that the submitted documentation demonstrates
17	complianc	e with all applicable codes and laws. In addition, the
18	self-cert	ification process shall allow a project's relevant
19	design pr	ofessionals to utilize offline field reports for
20	inspectio	ons that use photos and videos submitted remotely to
21	ensure fa	ster, asynchronous reviews without added cost or



1	delays. These measures ensure efficient, standardized
2	permitting and inspection for behind-the-meter, customer-sited
3	solar distributed energy resource systems.
4	(c) If the requirements of subsection (a) and (b) are
5	satisfied, the applicable government entity in the State that
6	issues building permits shall issue the building permit number
7	and close the permit within thirty days of submittal of the
8	application.
9	(d) As used in this section:
10	"Offline field report" means a report that uses photos and
11	videos taken of the project on site and sent to a permitting
12	authority to allow inspection remotely and asynchronously.
13	"Solar distributed energy resource system" means an
14	assembly of solar energy-generating or energy-storing materials,
15	or any combined assembly of solar energy-generating and energy-
16	storing materials, and the related infrastructure necessary for
17	its operation.
18	<u>§196-</u> Solar distributed energy resource systems;
19	No-Rise/No-Impact declaration requirements; exemption from
20	Federal Emergency Management Agency. Any government entity in
21	the State that issues building permits shall exempt behind-the-



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1	meter, customer-sited solar distributed energy resource systems
2	from the Federal Emergency Management Agency No-Rise/No-Impact
3	declaration requirements; provided that the project:
4	(1) Shall comply with all applicable codes and laws;
5	(2) Is properly installed on an already existing
6	structure; and
7	(3) Does not create additional obstruction within the
8	designated flood zone.
9	The value of the solar and storage distributed energy resource
10	systems shall not be included in Federal Emergency Management
11	Agency flood zone valuation calculations."
12	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
13	SECTION 3 This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
14	INTRODUCED BY:





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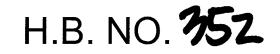
Solar Distributed Energy Resource Systems; Permitting Self-Certification; Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Zone No-Rise/No Impact Declaration Requirements

Description:

Authorizes certain state government entities to establish a self-certification process for behind-the-meter, customer-sited solar distributed energy resource systems and exempt the systems from the Federal Emergency Management Agency No-Rise/No-Impact declaration requirements under certain circumstances.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 97, Session Laws
 of Hawaii 2015, requires electric utilities in the State to
 achieve a one hundred per cent renewable portfolio standard by
 December 31, 2045, to transition the State away from imported
 fossil fuels and toward locally available renewable energy
 sources.

7 The legislature further finds that to encourage the timely 8 build-out of a diverse, resilient, and reliable portfolio of 9 low-cost renewable energy generation and storage assets, Hawaii 10 must lower the administrative barriers that constrain deployment 11 of residential and commercial-scale distributed energy 12 resources.

13 The legislature further finds that the permitting review
14 process currently adds substantial time and cost to the adoption
15 of residential solar and energy storage projects and that self16 certification by duly licensed design professionals can

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significantly reduce this time, cost, and administrative burden
 without sacrificing public health and safety.

3 The legislature further finds that unnecessary and
4 misapplied rules in federally designated flood zones add undue
5 time and cost to the installation of affordable and reliable
6 renewable energy systems in vulnerable frontline communities,
7 significantly hampering efforts to bolster their resiliency and
8 protection from risk.

9 The purpose of this Act is to reduce administrative 10 barriers to the deployment of energy generation and storage 11 technology systems by requiring government entities in the State 12 to implement permitting self-certification and streamlined, 13 common-sense permitting processes in federally designated flood 14 zones real time by .

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately 17 designated and to read as follows:

18 "<u>\$196-</u> Self-certification; solar projects; energy
19 storage projects. (a) Any government entity in the State that
20 issues building permits shall establish a self-certification
21 process for behind-the-meter, customer-sited solar distributed



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1	energy re	source systems that deems permit applications approved
2	and allow	as applicants to proceed to build the solar distributed
3	energy re	source system immediately; provided that the government
4	<u>entity re</u>	ceives written notice from:
5	(1)	The project owner, or an agent of the project owner,
6		that the owner or agent requests issuance of the
7		permit and is prepared to pay any required fees; and
8	(2)	The projects' relevant professionals are licensed in
9		their respective fields and that the installation of
10		the project shall comply with all applicable codes and
11		laws.
12	(b)	The self-certification process shall allow a project's
13	relevant	professionals to conduct permit reviews and inspections
14	using com	mercially available software and the professionals'
15	approvals	shall be accepted without additional documentation;
16	provided	that the submitted documentation demonstrates
17	complianc	e with all applicable codes and laws. In addition, the
18	self-cert	ification process shall allow a project's relevant
19	design pr	ofessionals to utilize offline field reports for
20	inspectio	ns that use photos and videos submitted remotely to
21	<u>ensure fa</u>	ster, asynchronous reviews without added cost or



1	delays. These measures ensure efficient, standardized
2	permitting and inspection for behind-the-meter, customer-sited
3	solar distributed energy resource systems.
4	(c) If the requirements of subsection (a) and (b) are
5	satisfied, the applicable government entity in the State that
6	issues building permits shall issue the building permit number
7	and close the permit within thirty days of submittal of the
8	application.
9	(d) As used in this section:
10	"Offline field report" means a report that uses photos and
11	videos taken of the project on site and sent to a permitting
12	authority to allow inspection remotely and asynchronously.
13	"Solar distributed energy resource system" means an
14	assembly of solar energy-generating or energy-storing materials,
15	or any combined assembly of solar energy-generating and energy-
16	storing materials, and the related infrastructure necessary for
17	its operation.
18	§196- Solar distributed energy resource systems;
19	No-Rise/No-Impact declaration requirements; exemption from
20	Federal Emergency Management Agency. Any government entity in
21	the State that issues building permits shall exempt behind-the-



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1	meter, customer-sited solar distributed energy resource systems
2	from the Federal Emergency Management Agency No-Rise/No-Impact
3	declaration requirements; provided that the project:
4	(1) Shall comply with all applicable codes and laws;
5	(2) Is properly installed on an already existing
6	structure; and
7	(3) Does not create additional obstruction within the
8	designated flood zone.
9	The value of the solar and storage distributed energy resource
10	systems shall not be included in Federal Emergency Management
11	Agency flood zone valuation calculations."
12	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
13	SECTION 3 This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
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Report Title:

Solar Distributed Energy Resource Systems; Permitting Self-Certification; Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Zone No-Rise/No Impact Declaration Requirements

Description:

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Authorizes certain state government entities to establish a self-certification process for behind-the-meter, customer-sited solar distributed energy resource systems and exempt the systems from the Federal Emergency Management Agency No-Rise/No-Impact declaration requirements under certain circumstances.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that delays in the 2 issuance of building permits for single-family and multi-family 3 housing projects create a roadblock to increasing Hawaii's housing supply and contribute to high home prices in the State. 4 5 Project approvals in Hawaii have one of the longest processing 6 times for residential building permits. A study prepared by the 7 university of Hawaii economic research office in April 2022 8 found that, on average, Hawaii homebuilders wait three times longer for permits than those in other states, which drives up 9 10 costs significantly and creates uncertainty, serving as a 11 disincentive to build new projects. Furthermore, the study 12 found that, compared to the most regulated markets in the 13 country, Hawaii's permit delays are almost two times longer, 14 meaning it can take between a year and a year and a half for a 15 permit to be approved.

16 Other states such as Texas and Florida use "shot clocks"17 that mandate relevant county agencies issue a decision on



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1 building permits within a certain time frame. If the agency 2 does not act on a land development within the time limit, the 3 permit is automatically deemed approved. The legislature finds 4 that implementing a "shot clock" in all of Hawaii's counties 5 would speed up building permit approvals and provide certainty 6 to applicants.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require counties to grant
8 building permits within sixty days if the application is stamped
9 and certified by a licensed engineer and architect and other
10 certain conditions are met.

SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

14 "<u>§46-</u> Building permit applications; certification;

15 **review time limit**. (a) For single-family and multi-family

16 projects in each county, a building permit shall be issued

17 within sixty days of an application being filed that is stamped

18 by a duly licensed structural, civil, electrical, or mechanical

19 engineer and architect certifying that all plans and

20 specifications are in compliance with the applicable building

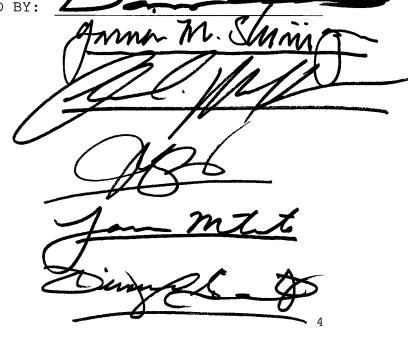
21 codes for the respective county. The certification shall



1	include a statement that adequate infrastructure capacity is
2	available to service the project site. During the sixty-day
3	period after the building permit application has been submitted,
4	the respective county shall ensure that the project is in
5	compliance with applicable ordinances regarding land use, set-
6	back, height, and site development requirements for the project
7	site; provided that non-compliance with any of the county's
8	discretionary approvals may delay the county's issuance of the
9	building permit. If a permit submitted under this section is
10	not approved by the county within sixty days of a complete
11	application being filed, it shall be deemed approved; provided
12	that the county did not notify the permit applicant within sixty
13	days of a complete application being filed that the application
14	was not in compliance with applicable state law or county
15	ordinances. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow
16	any violation of federal, state, or county laws or rules.
17	(b) A county shall not consider an application complete
18	until:
19	(1) The developer submits documentation demonstrating a
20	reasonable and good faith determination that the
21	project does not have the potential to affect historic



1		properties, archeological resources, or burial sites;
2		and
3	(2)	The developer submits documentation evidencing that
4		the proposed development does not encroach in Special
5		Flood Hazard Areas identified as "A" or "V" zones on
6		the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood
7		Insurance Rate Maps, or has been reviewed for
8		floodplain management compliance and has been issued a
9		development permit for construction by the applicable
10		community official."
11	SECT	ION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
12	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Housing; Building Permits; Shot Clock; Minority Caucus Package

Description:

Requires counties to grant building permits within sixty days if the application is stamped and certified by a licensed engineer and architect and other certain conditions are met.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is facing
2	a housing crisis. A 2019 study commissioned by the department
3	of business, economic development, and tourism found that, using
4	high scenario projections, the State will require an additional
5	46,573 homes by the year 2030, with the city and county of
6	Honolulu requiring 21,392 new units; Hawaii county requiring
7	13,527 new units; Maui county requiring 8,515 new units; and
8	Kauai county requiring 3,138 new units.
9	The legislature further finds that some of the largest
10	obstacles for developers to construct more housing in the State
11	are:
12	(1) A lack of areas having proper zoning for residential
13	dwellings to be constructed;
14	(2) A lack of infrastructure to support newly developed
15	residential dwellings; and
16	(3) Delays in the issuance of building permits for

17 single-family and multi-family projects.



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1 The building permit processing times for single-family and 2 multi-family projects vary tremendously across the United 3 However, the counties in Hawaii seem to have some of States. 4 the longest processing times for residential building permits. 5 A study prepared by the university of Hawaii economic research 6 office in April 2022 found that, on average, Hawaii homebuilders 7 wait three times longer for permits than those in other states, 8 which drives up costs significantly and creates uncertainty, 9 serving as a disincentive to build new projects. Furthermore, 10 the study found that, compared to the most regulated markets in 11 the country, Hawaii's permit delays are almost two times longer, 12 meaning it can take from one year to one year and a half for a 13 permit to be approved.

14 The lengthy processing times to obtain a building permit begs the question: What information is necessary for counties 15 16 when processing building permit applications? The basic 17 responsibilities of the county are to ensure compliance with various building codes and ensure adequate infrastructure 18 19 capacity to support the proposed project or development. 20 Although the counties are responsible to monitor for compliance 21 with various building codes, if the construction plans do not



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satisfy the code and are not corrected prior to construction,
 the designer (a licensed professional who stamped the plans) and
 the contractor are ultimately responsible. The county is also
 not typically involved in litigation as the building permit
 process is ministerial, mainly to check for code compliance.

6 In other municipalities around the country, building plans 7 are not scrutinized to the extent that they are in Hawaii 8 counties. In Hawaii, the plan review is to ensure that the 9 design meets all applicable codes. However, in other 10 municipalities, the plans are used as a quide while code 11 compliance verification is completed upon inspection of the 12 project during construction. Inspectors who find that 13 construction does not satisfy the code either have the 14 correction made in the field or stop construction until proper 15 corrective actions have been taken to ensure that new 16 construction meets the code. Ultimately, the design 17 professional and contractor are responsible to ensure new 18 construction meets all applicable codes.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish apermit process that shifts the responsibility for code



1 compliance from the counties to the design professional for all single-family and multi-family residential projects. 2 3 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended 4 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to 5 read as follows: 6 "§46- Building permit applications; certification; 7 review time limit. (a) For single-family and multi-family 8 projects in each county, a building permit shall be issued 9 within sixty days of an application being filed that is stamped 10 by a duly licensed structural, civil, electrical, or mechanical 11 engineer and architect certifying that all plans and 12 specifications are in compliance with the applicable building 13 codes for the respective county. The certification shall 14 include a statement that adequate infrastructure capacity is 15 available to service the project site. During the sixty-day 16 period after the building permit application has been submitted, 17 the respective county shall ensure that the project is in 18 compliance with applicable ordinances regarding land use, 19 set-back, height, and site development requirements for the 20 project site; provided that noncompliance with any of the 21 county's discretionary approvals may delay the county's issuance



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1	of the building permit. If a permit submitted under this
2	section is not approved by the county within sixty days of a
3	complete application being filed, it shall be deemed approved;
4	provided that county approval has not been delayed due to
5	noncompliance of the permit with applicable state law or county
- 6	ordinances. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow
7	any violation of federal, state, or county laws or rules.
8	(b) A county shall not consider an application complete
9	until:
10	(1) Either:
11	(A) The county has made a reasonable and good-faith
12	determination that the project does not have the
13	potential to affect historic properties,
14	archeological resources, or burial sites; or
15	(B) The project has been submitted to the state
16	historic preservation division of the department
17	of land and natural resources and the chapter 6E
18	process has been completed; and
19	(2) The developer submits documentation evidencing that
20	the proposed development does not encroach in Special
21	Flood Hazard Areas identified as "A" or "V" zones on



1	the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood
2	Insurance Rate Maps, or the applicable county official
3	has reviewed the proposed development for floodplain
4	management compliance and has issued a development
5	permit for construction."
6	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
7	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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	INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Housing; Counties; Building Permits; Review Time Limits; Code Compliance

Description:

Requires counties to grant building permits within 60 days if the application is stamped and certified by a licensed engineer and architect and other certain conditions are met.

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION GEOGRAPHIC REPORT (CURRENT LICENSES) AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, & Landscape Architects

License type	Location	Total
AR	TOTAL	2458
	Oahu	794
	Molokai	3
	Maui	66
	Lanai	1
	Kauai	33
	Big Island	78
	Mainland	1477
	Foreign	6
LA	TOTAL	148
	Oahu	64
	Molokai	1
	Maui	7
	Lanai	0
	Kauai	4
	Big Island	8
	Mainland	62
	Foreign	2
LS	TOTAL	210
	Oahu	87
	Molokai	1
	Maui	37
	Lanai	0
	Kauai	10
	Big Island	29
	Mainland	45
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