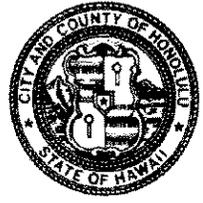


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The Honorable Barbara Marshall, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
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Dear Chair Marshall and Councilmembers:

Subject: Bill 4 – Relating to Council Proposals to Amend the General Plan,
the Development Plans, the Zoning Ordinances and the
Subdivision Ordinance

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) reports monthly on the number of outstanding Council-initiated LUO amendments. Our last report identified about 20 amendments, half of which were either at City Council or in transit to the Council. The remaining 10 exist as current backlogs, which we are working diligently to reduce. Bill 4 does nothing to reduce the backlog, rather by requiring DPP to do the necessary research for these amendments it virtually assures that compliance will be unachievable within the time frames established.

DPP is committed to improving the process, and will review Bill 4 to determine whether amendments could result in a situation that will help reduce the backlog. DPP will work with OCS and COR toward that end. Accordingly, we request that action on Bill 4 be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Henry Eng in black ink.

Henry Eng, FAICP, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

APPROVED:

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