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Aloha e Director Apuna:

I hope this finds you well. On October 31, 2024, my office sent a number of questions regarding the implementation of Bill 6 (2023)/Ordinance 23-29, allowing qualified third-party professionals to review building applications, which the Council passed in November 2023. My office then sent an email on December 12, 2024 to follow up on the request.

In the absence of a reply to either, I would like to reiterate my questions in this Council Communication and request your prompt attention to these questions **by January 31, 2025**:

- To date, how many permits have self-certified professionals applied for under this program?
- To date, how many such permits have been issued under this program?
- Of the issued permits, how do they break down by category (e.g. solar installs, residential, affordable housing, etc.)
- Has the Department offered self-certification training classes? How many people have attended? How many of those people have gone on to receive their self-certification?
- Have there been any problems or issues in implementing Bill 6 (2023)/Ordinance 23-29? If any, please describe.
- What impact has this program had on the backlog of building permit applications? What metrics are being used by the Department to measure the effectiveness of the program?
- Have there been any instances of a self-certified professional violating the trust of the program, by passing plans that do not conform to building codes, or other means? If so, please elaborate.

Mahalo for your time,

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