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Hawaii County Council considering new construction fee

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The [Hawaii County Council](#) is considering a bill that would impose a tax on building permits for new construction to pay for infrastructure and services on the Big Island.

The [Hawaii Tribune Herald reports](#) that the council's planning committee advanced an impact fee bill that would impose fees based on the size of the building, ranging from \$4,471 for a small home to \$7,026 for a house at least 3,500 square-feet in size.

The measure, which would be effective July 1, 2013, would also apply to commercial buildings such as hotels, hospitals, stores and churches, the newspaper said. The full council is expected to take up the bill at its Sept. 21 meeting, the newspaper said.