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REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<u>SB 2787</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND. Authorizes the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to be used to provide loans or grants to eligible individuals to purchase rental units.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 3089</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE DOWNPAYMENT LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Amends the Downpayment Loan Program, administered by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, to align with federal requirements and enhance assistance for low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 3285</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING. Establishes the Workforce Housing Regulatory Sandbox Program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Establishes an advisory council within the Workforce Housing Regulatory Sandbox Program to advise on environmental and cultural practices within specific developments. Establishes a position. Requires annual reports to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2031.	HOU, WAM

[SB 3011](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

HOU, WAM

Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to allow any resident of a public housing project or state low-income housing project to keep one or more pet animals in the resident's unit, subject to applicable state laws, county ordinances, and any reasonable conditions. Provides that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority may charge a refundable deposit for each pet animal but shall not impose a monthly pet fee or pet rent. Allows the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to remove a vicious animal to protect persons or property.

[SB 3176](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.

HOU, WAM

Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to rehabilitate, remodel, renovate, and repair housing units.

[SB 3312](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.

HOU, WAM/CPN

Establishes a program and income tax credit to incentivize the conversion of commercial properties into residential properties. Appropriates moneys.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Stanley Chang
Chair