

THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

[COMMITTEE ON HOUSING](#)
Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2026
TIME: 1:01 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 2544](#)

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RELATING TO HOUSING.

Establishes a 5-year Hawaii Builds Pilot Program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Authorizes the Corporation to deploy moneys from the dwelling unit revolving fund for predevelopment activities or as active construction equity. Requires 50% of housing units made available under pilot program projects for households having incomes between 60% and 140% of the area median income. Mandates interagency coordination and expedited review for projects to facilitate timely delivery of projects. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031.

HOU, WAM

[SB 2338](#)

[Status &
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RELATING TO HOUSING.

Increases the salary cap of the Executive Director of Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to an amount that does not exceed the Governor's salary. Renames the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Executive Director and increases that position's salary cap to 95% of the Executive Director salary. Prohibits HHFDC and Hawaii Public Housing Authority employment contracts that exceed 2 years, unless approved by the Legislature. Provides HHFDC with autonomy in personnel matters.

HOU, WAM

[SB 2553](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAM.

Increases the Hula Mae Multifamily Revenue Bond authorization ceiling amount to continue financing affordable rental housing statewide.

HOU, WAM

<u>SB 2675</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT. Clarifies that a partner or member that is a partnership or limited liability company that has been allocated a low-income housing tax credit may either further allocate the credit or transfer, sell, or assign all or a portion of the credit to any taxpayer. Extends the sunset date of Act 129, SLH 2016, relating to the low-income housing tax credit, until 12/31/2032.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 2676</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to approve and certify general excise tax exemptions for certain housing development projects developed under county housing incentive programs. Makes conforming amendments.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 2552</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM. For taxable years beginning 1/1/2027, increases the maximum annual deduction for contributions to, and maximum account levels for, individual housing accounts.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 2451</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Eliminates the home mortgage interest deduction for second homes under Hawaii income tax law. Requires reports to the Legislature.	HOU, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Stanley Chang
Chair