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REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2026
TIME: 1:05 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

HB 1711, HD1 (HSCR865-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HOUSING. Amends, for purposes of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's Rent-to-Own Program, the period during which the sales price of a dwelling unit is required to remain fixed from five years to an option period to be determined by the Corporation. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HOU, WAM
HB 1715, HD1 (HSCR863-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Authorizes HHFDC to designate certain for-sale units as permanently affordable housing, subject to certain restrictions. Clarifies that certain resale and occupancy restrictions apply only to projects developed prior to a certain date. Amends the definition of "qualified resident" for the purposes of HHFDC housing development programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HOU, WAM
HB 1727, HD1 (HSCR861-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND. Specifies the conditions upon which the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation may transfer moneys from within the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to a subaccount and between subaccounts of the fund. Clarifies what constitutes a mixed-income rental project for purposes of loans funded through the Mixed-Income Subaccount. Repeals the sunset date for the Mixed-Income Subaccount. Authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit rental housing revolving funds into, and appropriates funds into and out of, the Mixed-Income Subaccount. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HOU, WAM

<p>HB 1733, HD2 (HSCR1093-26) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>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. Clarifies that revenue bonds treated as refunding bonds do not count against the authorized aggregate principal amount of the bond. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>HB 1740, HD2 (HSCR1091-26) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Removes the prohibition against qualified residents for Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation-approved projects holding a majority interest in land and removes the requirement that qualified residents demonstrate financial viability or ability to pay rent. Amends exemptions from statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules for certain housing projects developed by the Corporation that satisfy certain conditions, including requirements related to employment, owner-occupancy, and deed restrictions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>HB 1920, HD1 (HSCR859-26) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>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. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2270, HD1 (HSCR858-26) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DOWNPAYMENT LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Amends the Downpayment Loan Assistance Program by: removing the prohibition on combined loan-to-value ratios; clarifying the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's authority to allow payment waivers and interest forgiveness; authorizing financial institutions, mortgage lenders and other loan originators to originate downpayment loans; and reducing the borrower's required personal contribution toward the downpayment. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2385, HD3 (HSCR1090-26) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>
<p>HB 2515, HD2 (HSCR1088-26) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING. Establishes the Workforce Housing Regulatory Sandbox Program. Establishes an advisory council within the Workforce Housing Regulatory Sandbox Program to advise on environmental and cultural practices within specific developments. Requires reports to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HOU, WAM</p>

[HB 1724, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR1092-26\)](#)
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RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
Makes the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Equity Pilot Program permanent, with modifications that include changing the method for computation of interest for purchasers of certain real property. Expands the use of proceeds in the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to include purchasing equity in for-sale housing development projects and interim primary or secondary financing. Exempts disbursements from the Affordable Housing Revolving Fund from appropriation and allotment requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2).

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**[Measure added
on 03-13-26]**

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Stanley Chang
Chair

