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SENATOR STANLEY CHANG
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Highlighted Bills

SB 2946

ALOHA Homes

Establishes the ALOHA homes program to develop low-cost homes on state-owned and county-owned land in urban redevelopment sites to be sold in leasehold by the Hawai'i housing finance and development corporation (HHFDC) to qualified residents. Exempts certain land from the definition of public lands. Requires HHFDC to develop an ALOHA homes demonstration project by July 1, 2025.

SB 2035

Competitive Sealed Bidding

Requires that in evaluating and determining the award for redevelopment of state or county level through competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals, the number of housing units proposed shall constitute forty per cent of the evaluation score regardless of whether the development of housing is proposed.

SB 2040

Housing Flipping Surcharge

Establishes a surcharge equal to twenty-five per cent of the net proceeds from the sale of certain residential property within a period of five years after the date of purchase if the owner is ineligible for a county homeowner's exemption on property tax.

SB 2043

Leasehold Units on State Lands

Authorizes the Hawai'i housing finance and development corporation and Hawai'i community development authority to sell leasehold units in residential condominiums located on state lands.

SB 2044

Housing Savings Accounts

Establishes the procedures for a housing savings account for all employees in the State.

SB 2046

Constitutional Amendment to Provide Enough Housing to Meet Demand

Amends the constitution to require the State to provide enough housing to meet demand.

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► HANDY CONTACTS

State Pothole Hotline
808-586-7852

City Pothole Hotline
808-768-7777

State Homelessness
gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov
808-586-0193

City Homelessness
complaints@honolulu.gov
808-768-4381

Abandoned Vehicles
808-733-2530

Building Permits
808-768-8000

Trash Collection
808-768-3200

Street Light Repair
808-768-5300

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IN THE COMMUNITY



HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

January 8, 2020 ◀ Senator Chang presented his ALOHA Homes plan before the Hawai'i Association of Realtors on Realtor Day at the Capitol.



RANA SARKAR

January 15, 2020 ▲ Senator Chang and colleagues attended a reception hosted by the Canadian Consul General in San Francisco, Mr. Rana Sarkar.



2020 OPENING DAY

January 15, 2020 ▼ Governor Ige joined Senator Chang and the entire staff on Opening Day at the Legislature.

KITV NEWS

January 17, 2020 ◀ Senator Chang was interviewed by KITV's TJ Horgan to refute a recent state study suggesting that population decline is helping to alleviate our housing shortage.



YOUR CONCERNS

Pothole Claims

The City and State have established phone numbers and websites where anyone can report a pothole. All you need to do is to report the pothole to the following hotlines with the location of the pothole and jurisdiction:

CITY pothole report phone line:
808-768-7777

HART maintained roads:
808-566-2299

STATE maintained roads:
808-536-7852

Potholes can cause a lot of damage, such as a flat tire, cracked wheel, or even body damage. If your car is damaged by a pothole, you can be reimbursed by the City or the State.

For claims on roads maintained by the **city**:
honolulu.gov/rep/site/ccl/onlineforms/Claim_Form.pdf

For claims on roads maintained by the **state**:
ags.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/RMTC-001-20160909.pdf

To file a claim, take a photo of the pothole and the damage to your car. The person filing the claim should have the vehicle registration and insurance in their name. At the time of the incident, the person should also call HPD to file a police report. The flier should also send over receipts or invoices of payment for the damages along with the claim. After filing these claims, it may take several months before you receive any reimbursement.

Hale 'Ike Ola O Maunaloa Community Work Days

Many hands are needed as we continue construction of a traditional hale in 2020 for Maunaloa. The hale will serve as an educational space for us to expand our mālama 'āina activities and cultural education. Work days will be held on the days listed here. For more information see @livablehawaii kaihui on Facebook, @malamamaunaloa on Instagram, or email Tina Aiu (tina.aiu@gmail.com).

SATURDAYS
FEBRUARY 8*, 22, 29, 2020
9AM-2AM
The Nursery

965 KAMILONUI PLACE
Uplands of Hawea/Keawawa
Wetland
6888 HAWAI'I KAI DRIVE

* World Wetlands Day



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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SB 2211 **Permitting Process** **65 Day Shot Clock**

Beginning July 1, 2020, requires the State or an appropriate county agency to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an application for a permit necessary for the development, pre-development, construction, or substantial rehabilitation of a project within sixty-five days of submission. Provides for automatic permit approval if the State or respective county agency does not make a timely decision on the application.

SB 2216 **Empty Homes Tax**

Establishes an empty homes tax against certain residential property owners who own a vacant residential unit in the State.

SB 2202 **Predatory Towing**

Prevents predatory towing by requiring documented approval authorizing removal of a vehicle from private property by the property owner or a designated representative.

SB 2210 **Right to First Refusal**

Authorizes the Hawai'i housing finance and development corporation the right of first refusal for the development of property for all development on state lands that are within a one-half mile radius of a rail transit station.

SB 2220 **Emergency Shelter** **for Minors**

Expands the circumstances where a minor may consent to no cost emergency shelter and related services to include cases where the provider is coordinating with child welfare services.

SB 2642 **Housing Upzoning**

Authorizes the land use commission to govern housing density increases. Authorizes homeowners located in a block to vote to increase the housing density for their respective block. Upon receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the homeowners in a block, requires the land use commission to increase the housing density for the block.

SB 2645 **Aloha Stadium** **Redevelopment**

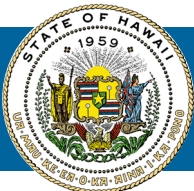
Requires at least twenty thousand housing units be developed near the rail station nearest to the Aloha Stadium. Requires a minimum of eighty per cent of those housing units to be priced as affordable.

SB 2649 **Helicopter Safety Devices**

Amends section 261-12 to require tour aircraft operations permit seekers to have aircraft which are outfitted with FAA approved safety devices.

SB 2661 **Housing Elements**

Requires each county to prepare a housing supply plan to plan for projected increases in the State's housing supply to meet housing demands of the respective county, identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs for all income levels, and identify adequate sites for housing, including rental housing.



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