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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
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

SB 27 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HOUSING. Exempts state-financed housing developments from the requirement to obtain approval from the applicable county council.	HOU, WAM
SB 38 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HOUSING. Prohibits the legislative body of a county from making modifications to housing development proposals that would increase the cost of the project.	HOU, JDC
SB 25 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HOUSING. Authorizes a county to reduce the number of housing units that may be built within any portion of the county only if the county increases the number of housing units that may be built elsewhere in the county, such that there is no net loss in residential capacity.	HOU, JDC
SB 70 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires eligible applicants of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to be either governmental agencies or organizations that are required to use all financial surplus to develop additional housing in the State.	HOU, WAM
SB 71 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND. Amends the preference criteria and eligibility requirements for applicant developers seeking assistance from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund.	HOU, WAM

<u>SB 163</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to maximize the amount of housing built that utilizes loans from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund by prioritizing projects with the shortest projected loan repayment terms that produce the highest number of units, per dollar, per year. Repeals all other priorities and preferences for projects utilizing the RHRF.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 165</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Clarifies the definition of "qualified nonprofit housing trust" to specify organizations that exclusively serve qualified residents as defined in section 201H-32, HRS.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 379</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Requires that Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation housing projects include a restrictive covenant that states that the units designated as affordable housing, as described in the submitted project application, shall remain as affordable housing in perpetuity. Prohibits development of affordable housing in a special flood hazard area.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 378</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Establishes a working group within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to identify existing mixed-use developments in Maui County that could be acquired by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for use as affordable housing and commercial rental leases. Requires a report to the Legislature.	HOU, WAM
<u>SB 414</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO RESTORING ACCESS TO DISASTER-AFFECTED AREAS. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to institute proceedings to condemn certain lands in Lahaina to build a new access road from Keawe Street to the Kilohana and Kalaiola sites developed in the Villages of Leialii. Appropriates moneys into and out of the dwelling unit revolving fund for the appraisals and other preparations for the condemnation proceedings.	HOU, WAM/JDC
<u>SB 123</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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Chair