Housing in Hawai‘i...

The Governor’s Proclamation Relating to Housing will streamline approval processes, helping to build housing more quickly for local residents.

- Highest level of regulations in the U.S.
- Highest median home prices
- Highest cost of living
- Most unaffordable market in the U.S.

The costs of Hawai‘i regulations:

3X LONGER
the national average to obtain building permits

ADDs $233K to $325K
to the cost of a home in Hawai‘i

1 in 2 PEOPLE
cite housing costs as reason for leaving Hawai‘i

Every year, we build less than half the number of units we need for our people.

10,000 New Units Needed Every Year

Sources: SMS Hawai‘i Housing Planning Study 2019; American Community Survey; DBEDT Data Book 2021 Household Pulse Survey; UHERO; Government Regulation in the Price of a New Home NAHB