# 2024 Housing Reform

Unlocking Barriers to Affordable Housing

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# UHERO Report Confirms – Housing Crisis Worsening



- Locals are Leaving: Hawai'i has resumed *population* outflow to other states.
- Prices are Rising: The median home price has increased by 3.5x since 2000.
- Housing is Locked: Only one-in-five Hawai'i households can afford a median single-family home.



The Green Administration is Taking Action on Affordable Housing

#### Taking Action, Bearing Progress



## 13,000 60,000+

Affordable Units by 2026

Units in the Pipeline

- ✓ Completed 3 projects (808 units) in Q1 2024
- ✓ Broke ground on School

  Street Project (250 units)
- ✓ Developer selected for Haku Kapolei (900 units)

- ✓ Filled dozens of housing positions
- ✓ Signed STR bill (SB 2919)
- ✓ Expedited procurement to rehabilitate 100 vacant units

#### I. Unlocking Community Partners



- ✓ **SB 2066:** Provides HHFDC Project Exemptions for Partners
- ✓ **SB 2133:** Expands HHFDC Bond Issuance Powers with Partners

- ✓ **HB 2090**: Creates Affordable Apartments in Business Districts through Adaptive Reuse of Existing Commercial Buildings
- ✓ **HB 1925:** Gathers Community Stakeholders to Update the State Planning Act

#### II. Unlocking HHFDC's Tools



- ✓ HB 1760: Establishes HHFDC & County Bond Volume Cap Recycling Program to Expand Housing Investment
  - Expand Our Ability to Finance
     Affordable Housing Projects

### \$378M

Annual Limit (Volume Cap) for Tax-Exempt Bonds



HHFDC's Ililani Condominiums, with 197 affordable units, opened on May 17, 2024.

#### III. Unlocking Units for Locals



- ✓ SB 3202: Allows Urban
  Homeowners with Utility Capacity
  to Build Two Accessory Dwelling
  Unit (ADUs) on Residential Lots
  - ✓ Requires the Counties, no Later Than 12/31/2026, to Enact these Reforms





#### Mahalo nui!

