

Reviewed and Approved by Executive Director: Craig K. Nakamoto
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FOR ACTION

I. SUBJECT

Consider Delegating Authority to the Executive Director, the Authority for the 2026 Legislative Session to Track, Draft, Submit, and Present Testimony on Behalf of the Authority in Accordance with Positions and Policy Directives of the Board.

II. BACKGROUND

The Hawai'i Community Development Authority monitors and submits testimony on numerous legislative measures throughout each legislative session. The Regular Session of the 2026 Hawai'i State Legislature convenes on January 21, 2026, and adjourns on May 8, 2026.

III. DISCUSSION

Each legislative session, numerous bills are introduced that may affect the HCDA. During the five-month legislative session, the short deadlines to prepare and submit testimony often do not allow sufficient time for staff to consult with the HCDA board, which regularly meets once per month.

For legislative matters and to comply with the State Sunshine Law, a board may file a notice of a public meeting with an agenda item indicating that the board will consider adopting positions or a general policy direction that the agency will take on specific legislative topics or measures, including bill numbers when available. The board may then delegate authority to staff, such as the executive director, to monitor legislation and to draft, submit, and present testimony consistent with the positions and policy directives previously adopted by the board. Source: "*Quick Review: Sunshine Law Options to Address State Legislative Issues and Measures*," Office of Information Practices, August 2022.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authority Delegate to the Executive Director, the Authority for the 2026 Legislative Session, to Track, Draft, Submit, and Present Testimony on Behalf of the Authority in Accordance with the Positions and Policy Directives of the Board.

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