



2025 Legislative Priorities and Position Statements

The Hawaii State Council Board of Directors ratifies and accepts the following focused areas of advocacy for the 2025 legislative session.

1. HOUSING

The AIA Hawaii State Council supports creative programs to develop affordable homes, livable communities, and pleasing settings which respond to Hawaii’s environment.

SUPPORT	OPPOSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive Reuse • Lifecycle Affordability • Restoring SMA Minor for single family properties • Support of more efficient SHPD processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monster homes • NIMBY-ism • Adverse effects to HSW of inhabitants • Unrealistic design based on existing infrastructure

2. CODE ADVANCEMENT

The Council supports simplified and streamlined acceptance of the most recent building, residential, and energy codes as an effective method of keeping Hawaii buildings safe into the future.

SUPPORT	OPPOSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative support/funding for the SBCC • State Amendments with county input • One State Code (county ordinances allowed) • State-led training for the counties • Working on the most recently published code • Investigating the International Wildland-Urban Code Interface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disbanding the SBCC

3. RESILIENCY

The Council supports practical design solutions and policies that address, mitigate, and prepare for climate change.

SUPPORT	OPPOSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Codifying flood level elevation• Resiliency and adaptation, not just mitigation• Codifying recycled water policies• Evolving evaluation of sea level rise adaptation strategies into policy• Renewable energy• Energy Storage systems• Electrification of buildings• Grid integrated buildings• Benchmarking of buildings / energy auditing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overlook mitigation of increased drought and urban heat levels in development• Policies in opposition to our supportive positions

4. PROCUREMENT

The Council supports qualification-based selection in lieu of low pricing.