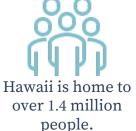


Like many other parts of the country, Hawaii's growth has resulted in significant housing affordability challenges. Combatting housing affordability issues in the state will require holistic solutions that address the needs of all Hawaii residents.





More than 178,000 Hawaiians call an apartment home, with demand on the rise.



63% of extremely lowincome renters spend more than half of their income on housing.



Between now and 2030, Hawaii will need to build 2,000 new apartment homes each year to keep up with demand.



Legal Landscape

The state of Hawaii does not have any legal framework surrounding rent control. The state neither preempts nor promotes local municipalities from implementing rent control.

It is imperative that preemption be introduced and passed to protect citizens from the ramifications of rent control.

ESTABLISH PREEMPTION

Rent control is an outdated concept. It benefits the very few—and not necessarily those in greatest need—at the expense of the larger society.

REJECT PRICE CONTROLS

It is important for lawmakers to pursue alternatives such as voucher-based rental assistance for those in greatest need to better address housing affordability.