

2020 End of Session Report

CAI's Hawaii Legislative Action Committee (HI LAC) was busy this session. The 14-member committee volunteered hundreds of collective hours to review bills, draft testimony, meet with legislators and other decision-makers, and testify for or against bills. Hawaiian legislators introduced or carried over more than 5,100 bills, but only 81 were enacted. The LAC monitored 193 bills that could impact community associations; their top priority bills are summarized below.

SB 2421 S.D. 1 H.D. 1. Association Foreclosures On Condominiums. This bill removes a sunset provision and make the statutory amendment of Act 195 permanent regarding association foreclosures on condominiums.

Status: PASSED

SB 2425 S.D. 1. Condominium Mediation And Arbitration. This bill removes a sunset provision allowing the subsidy for condominium mediation and arbitration to continue. The LAC supported this bill and pushed for it to be heard, but it failed due to the shortened legislative session as a result of the global pandemic.

Status: PASSED

S.B. 2817 S.D. 1. Condominium Education Trust Fund Fees. This bill would allow the real estate commission to adjust the amount of association fees paid to the condominium education trust fund.

Status: FAILED

SB 3119 S.D. 1 H.D. 2 Power of Sale. This bill would enable exercise of a power of sale remedy against a member of the military if "the lien of the association has been outstanding for a period of one year or longer."

Status: PASSED

Future Bills

The LAC is seeing bills for the future relating to autonomous vehicle, moving toward 100% renewable energy, and prohibiting construction of private shoreline hardening structures such as seawalls and revetments.

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